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Welcome

Dear Samford University,

Upon receiving this book, the 2018-2019 academic year may seem like merely a distant memory, but I encourage you to take time to reflect before embarking on the next stage of your journey. With an undergraduate student body of over 5,000 students, I am positive the previous school year brought a lot of different experiences for each and every one of you. Whether defined by a season of pure joy or filled with challenges you thought were nearly impossible to overcome, your time at Samford University undeniably helps define who you are today. Thus, reflecting upon the distant memories of the 2018-2019 academic year will help you gain a better understanding of yourself. With this deeper understanding, I pray you are able to take on the next stage of your life with confidence in knowing who you are and where you are going, whether that be to another year of undergrad, graduate school, or a professional career.

Considering the importance of reflecting upon the past, the 2018-2019 *Entre Nous* staff and I decided to comprise a book that will help you do just that. From Bulldog Days to graduation, Vol. 99 of *Entre Nous* spotlights some of the most defining moments of a Samford story. While it is hard to capture everyone's unique story in a single book, I hope the highlights remind you of the personal experiences that defined your past school year.

Furthermore, the book features photographs from the early 1900s and beyond that provide a snapshot into Samford's past. From looking at these photographs, it is evident that Samford has experienced exponential growth throughout the past century. From its early days as Howard College to the recent renovations of the Ralph W. Beeson University Center, Samford has transformed by learning from its experiences, whether hardships or successes. In true fashion of the ultimate Samford story, I hope the retrospection of this book encourages you to do exactly the same and use your past experiences as opportunities for growth.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who made this book possible. To my staff and the faculty members that contributed, thank you for all of your hard work and support. The 2018-2019 *Entre Nous* would not be complete without your dedication to capturing the year. An extra special thank you to Samford's Special Collection and University Archives for providing the *Entre Nous* staff with the necessary resources to reminisce on Samford's past. Ultimately, I hope this retrospective book encourages you to take on your future without forgetting the moments that have thus far defined you.

Sincerely,

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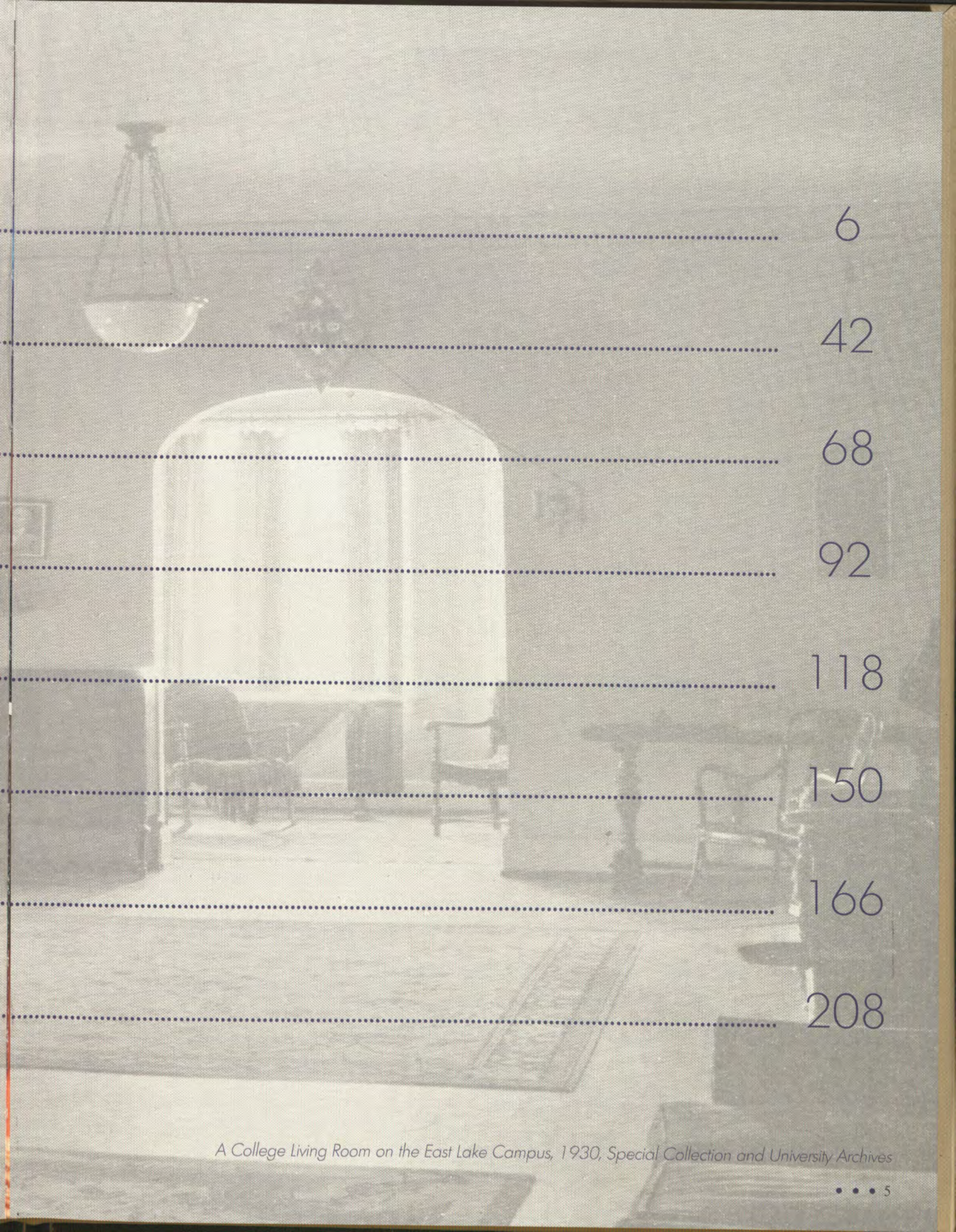

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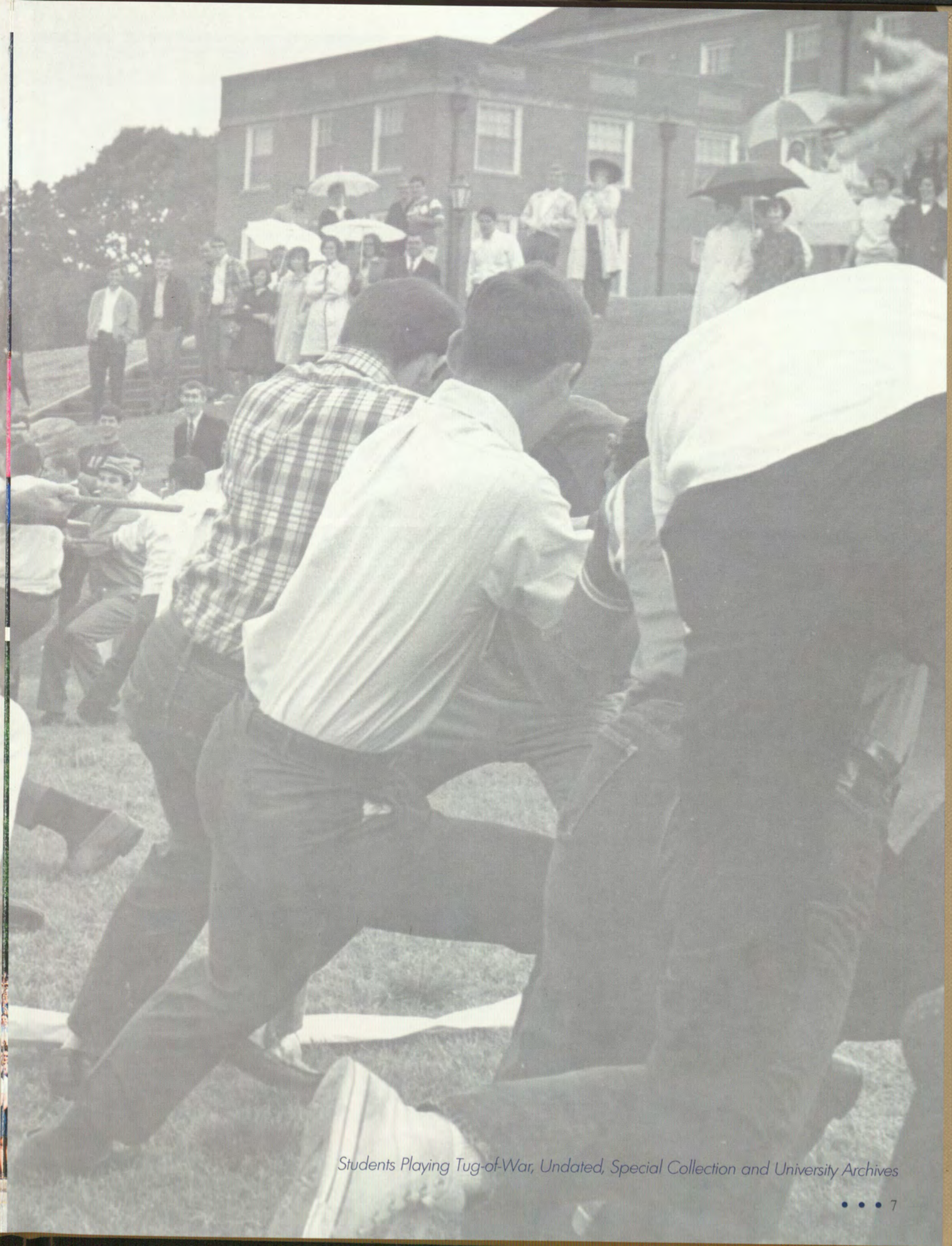
Student Life



Students Playing Tug-of-War, Undated, Special Collection and University Archives

Photos: The 2018 Orientation Leaders prepared for weeks in advance to welcome new students during the summer for a weekend of learning the ropes before the start of school in August.

Bulldog Days

The Beginning of the Samford Story

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Orientation Staff

The 2018 Bulldog Days were hosted six times throughout the summer, and this experience was the perfect way for incoming freshmen to connect with other students and become familiar with campus before the first day of class. All year, Upperclassmen Orientation Leaders worked hard in the Admissions Office to prepare for the arrival of the new class made up of almost 1,000 students.

The 2018 leaders included Meg Alford, Mitchell McEver, Benjamin Cottingham, Turner Tinsley, Delaney Craig, Grayson Hill, Chelsea Davis, and Jay Barr. These eight incredible students lead groups of rising freshman through their first Caf meals, countless icebreakers, and the stressful process of signing up for classes for the first time.

"Our team has the opportunity to contribute to Samford as a whole with every expectation we set for the freshmen," said junior Jay Barr. "Our director always tells us to exemplify the qualities we most want to see at Samford four years from now. Each of us has the opportunity to welcome and make an impression on tons of students, and we take that responsibility as an honor. We are always grateful to give back to the University that has given so much to us."

Day one of Bulldog Days consisted of student and parent seminars, games on the quad, tours, and Q&A sessions with staff and upperclassmen. Freshmen learned about study abroad options, Greek Life, and student resources. That evening, all of the Orientation Leaders and their group members showed off their talent in a competitive karaoke battle. To wrap up the first day, students had the opportunity to attend late night activities, including swing dancing and dodgeball.

"My favorite activity would have to be swing dancing. Everyone is always a bit nervous heading into it because most of them have no clue how to do it, but it is so fun to watch them learn and want to do harder tricks," Barr said. "This summer I taught a guy and a girl at a session a ton of tricks and they were loving it. Next thing I knew, they came and found me at a function they went to together and wanted to show me all their moves again! It's always encouraging to see students step out of their comfort zone and then really love it."

On day two, students continued to get a feel for all that Samford has to offer. From meeting with academic advisers and creating a schedule to attending the Student Activities Fair in Pete Hanna Center, the freshmen began to realize the extensive opportunities available at Samford. Additionally, the day provided incoming students with more opportunities to bond with their new friends before reuniting with their parents.

"My favorite part of Bulldog Days was getting to know the people. While playing silly games or eating in the Caf, it was fun to meet people from all over," said freshman Alana Vaughn.

Overall, Bulldog Days 2018 provided incoming freshmen with an amazing experience that began their Samford stories.

Connections Weekend

Connecting Samford Stories

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographer: Carrie Marie Sawyer

As one of the most beloved Samford traditions, Connections Weekend remains in the minds of most undergraduate students as an exciting experience that allowed them to meet new friends before the start of their freshman year. While the experience can seem intimidating, the weekend serves as an introduction for the freshmen regarding what it means to be a college student, attend Samford, and live in Birmingham.

At the start of the 2018 Connections Weekend, the incoming freshmen were placed into groups led by upperclassmen. During the weekend, Connections leaders focused on making the freshmen in their group feel welcomed through a variety of activities on Samford's campus and throughout Birmingham.

"My Connections leaders welcomed me into Samford and made me feel comfortable. Because of that, I feel it is my responsibility to do the same for incoming freshmen," said Andrew Titus, a 2018 senior Connections leader.

Whether a freshman or a Connections leader, the weekend was full of activities that thrilled everyone. With popsicles at Dr. Westmoreland's house, the beloved neon dance party, time to explore the city, and opportunities to meet new people, Connections weekend served as the chance for new students to begin their Samford story.

"Connections weekend gives new, eager, and excited freshmen a chance to break out," said freshman Olivia Pelias. "The upperclassmen leaders are kind, helpful, and informative. It is obvious that they seek out ways to make the weekend meaningful."

For incoming freshmen, the weekend proved Samford as a welcoming community that helps students grow personally and academically during their time at Samford.

"My Connections experience last year allowed for me to make new friends for the first time at a school in which I knew absolutely nobody," said sophomore Gunnar Sadowey. "The individuals I came in contact with at Connections proved that Samford University was the right choice for me."

Though daunting and exhausting, the weekend provided an opportunity for freshmen Samford students to begin their journey at a university with strong spiritual aspects, academics, and community.

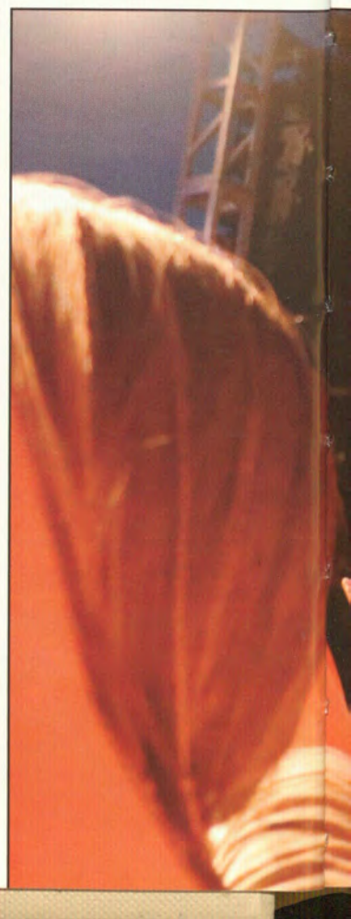
When many students reflect on their time at Samford, they remember meeting some of their best friends and immediately finding a home at Samford through Connections Weekend.

Above: Members of the Connections staff prepared to organize the freshmen to engage in a group activity.

Left: New Samford students enjoyed the Neon Dance Party with dancing, a live DJ, and neon garb.
Below: Amidst all of their hard work, Connection leaders took advantage of every opportunity to let their personalities shine and have fun together.

Above: Incoming freshmen took part in a Samford tradition to enjoy popsicles at Dr. Andrew Westmoreland's house.
Left: The incoming freshman class posed for a photo at the traditional Centennial Walk up to Davis Library.

Right: Kearney's performance served as nothing less than an adequate welcome back for the Samford community.
Below: Samford students enjoyed the free treats from various tents set up on the quad in the midst of fellowship after a long summer away from campus.



Above: Kearney provided Samford students with a night to remember with his interactive performance.
Right: Students in the crowd enjoyed the live performances from three different artists at Your School, Your City.

Your School, Your City

The Start of Something New

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographer: Abby Zajac

At the start of each school year, Samford hosts Your School, Your City for the Samford community to come together and enjoy live music, food, and fellowship.

"The welcome back concert is always an exciting time to see old friends after summer, make new ones, eat free food, and hear great live music," said junior Mary Brand.

This year, the Your School, Your City event featured three musical performances: The Brummies, Run River North, and Mat Kearney. Students surrounded the quad in anticipation of the live performances while enjoying food, exploring tents set up by local organizations, and catching up with their friends before classes began the following day.

"I got there early so I could be at the front near the stage," said avid Mat Kearney fan and sophomore Claudia Shaffer. "I've listened to his music since the beginning of high school, so it was really cool to have him at Your School, Your City to see him live."

"I loved being able to listen to good music. I had never heard of The Brummies or Run River North, but right after the concert, I went to my dorm and added them on Spotify," said junior McKenna Persch. "I was most excited for Mat Kearney though. He's one of my favorite artists."

While some people were caught up in the music, others were excited to catch up with friends. Samford's quad was full of people sitting on blankets enjoying fellowship with one another throughout the night.

"I always love running into people at Your School, Your City," said junior Sarah Grumulaitis. "It is a great opportunity to catch up with friends and acquaintances after the summer break."

Many students see the event as a celebration and a positive start to the semester.

"My freshman year the welcome back concert was a time of meeting new people and dancing with hundreds of students that were going to be impactful to me during my time at Samford," said junior Abby Olive. "However, this past year, I spent the concert on the hill with about seven friends who have dearly walked alongside me at different times and seasons. Both were very special memories to me."

Although Your School, Your City was experienced in a variety of different ways this year, it served as a great way to create memories and set the mood for the upcoming school year.

"Your School, Your City gets sweeter each year, and this year began with warm hugs and conversations that set the tone well for my junior year," Olive said.

Photos: Kearney performed an intimate concert to kick-start the semester in the right way.

Welcome Back Week

Together at Last

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographers: Jones Willingham & Will Wright

While Samford students are spread across the world during the summer, whether serving in missions, studying abroad, working an internship, or spending time with family and friends on vacation, they all prepare for school to start in late August. Samford welcomes new students to campus during Connections Weekend, and the spirit continues during the first week of school with Welcome Back Week hosted by Samford's Student Activities Council (SAC).

This school year, Monday kicked off the week with a photo booth for students to take pictures on the first day of school and grilled hot dogs from Samford's favorite hot dog vendor, Greg's Hot Dogs, served by some of campus's "top dogs," including President Dr. Andrew Westmoreland.

On Tuesday, SAC provided students with local coffee from O'Henry's and donuts from The Heavenly Donut Co. at Samford's opening convocation where students began their day in fellowship.

On Tuesday night, students stayed late in the cafeteria for Late Night Trivia Night. There were multiple teams of five competing, and the cafeteria served chips and salsa for a late night snack. At the end of the night, the first place team won tickets to Step Sing 2019 and the second and third place teams won prizes to local restaurants, such as Wasabi Juans.

"In our eyes, Trivia Night was a huge success. The Caf was filled with laughter and energy the entire time," said SAC's Director of Annual Events, Abby Zajac. "When we were brainstorming for this event, we were worried about the overall vibe because we couldn't host it in Harry's due to the renovations taking place in the University Center. However, I think it was even better than we thought, and I'm so happy everyone had just as much fun as we did!"

Church Connections was held on Wednesday by the Office of Spiritual Life. Multiple churches from around Birmingham set up tables in Ben Brown Plaza to talk to students about the different opportunities to get connected with off-campus church communities.

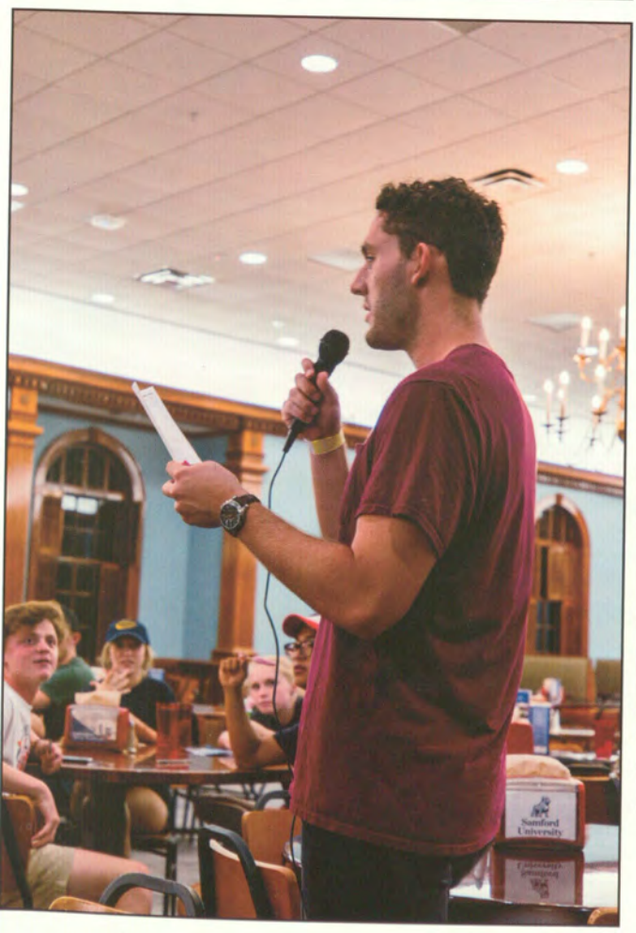
On Wednesday night, SAC hosted a movie night showing the live-action version of *Beauty and the Beast*. At the movie viewing, SAC provided a popcorn bar, and the first 100 students received a free Samford fleece blanket.

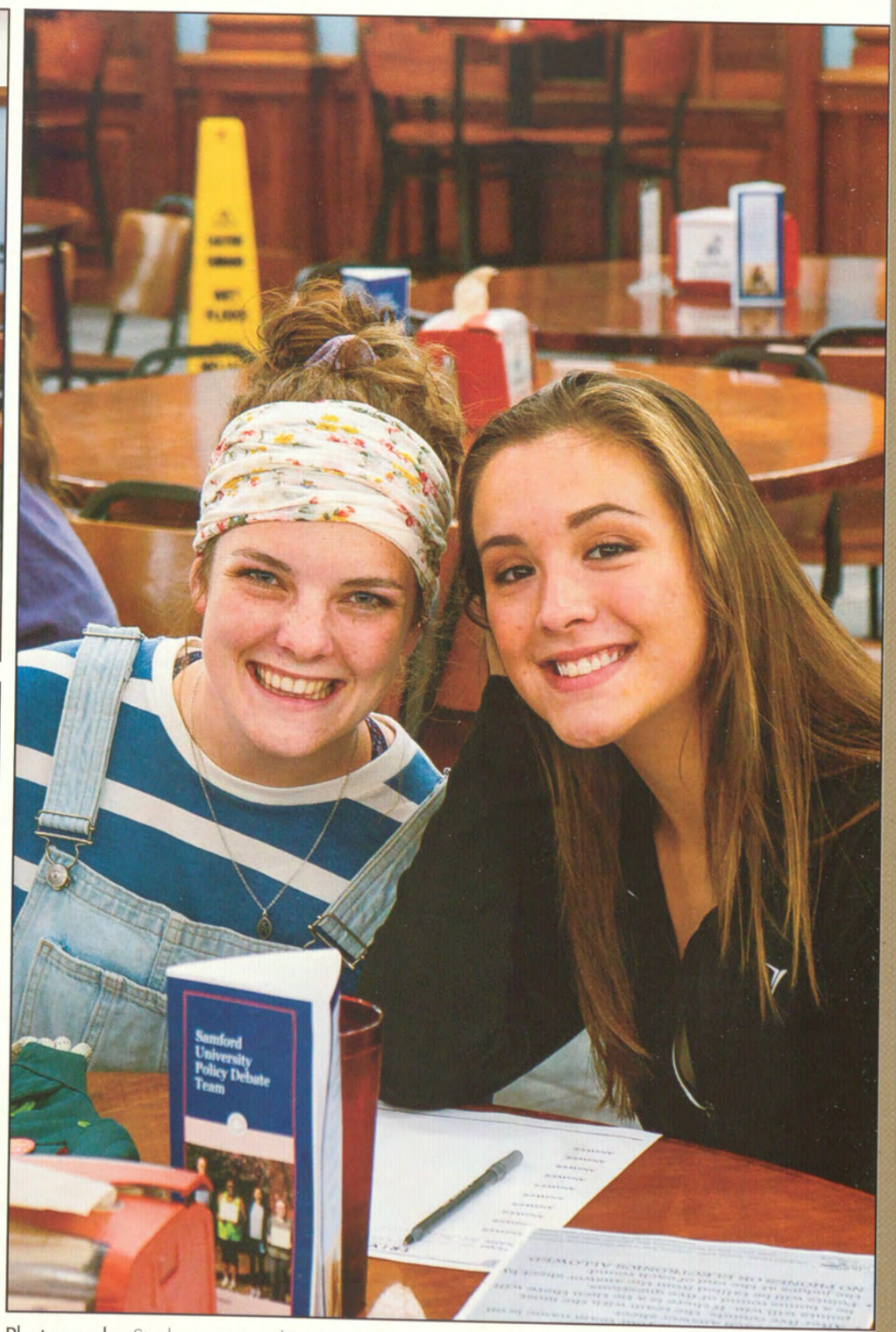
On Thursday, the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement hosted its annual Student Organization Fair. The fair provided students with the opportunity to learn about different on-campus organizations and how to get involved.

That afternoon, students came out to tailgate on the Quad before the first football game of the season, which was against Shorter University. SAC held a tailgate for all students with Papa John's Pizza, Great American Cookie, and sodas. In addition to all fraternities and sororities, a variety of other campus organizations were present at the tailgate, which filled the Quad with students from all facets of Samford. After the tailgate, the Samford Bulldogs started their football season off strong with a winning score of 66-9.

The week came to a close with Bendy's, an ice cream food truck, serving the first 150 students a free treat on Friday.

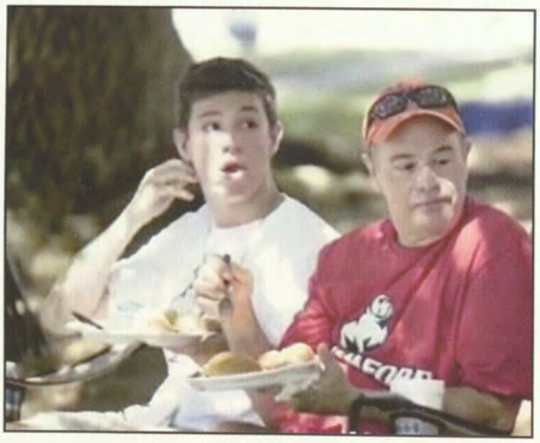
"This year, Welcome Back Week spanned the course of eight days and included everything from sweet treats to riveting trivia games," said SAC's Director of Marketing, Will Wright. "We are so very thankful for every SAC member who served during this week as well as for Samford Residence Life who helped at many of our events."

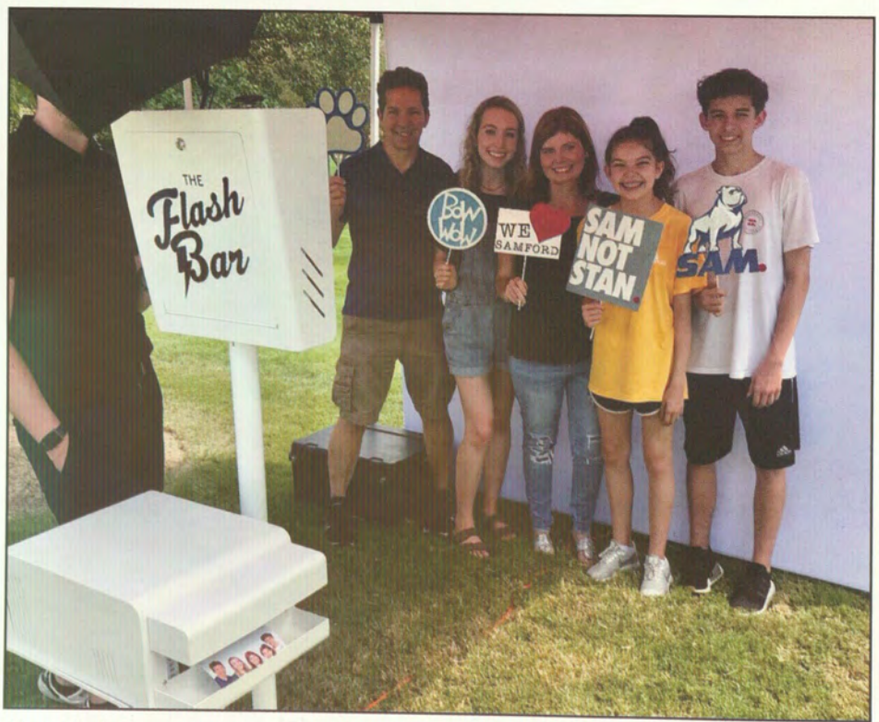


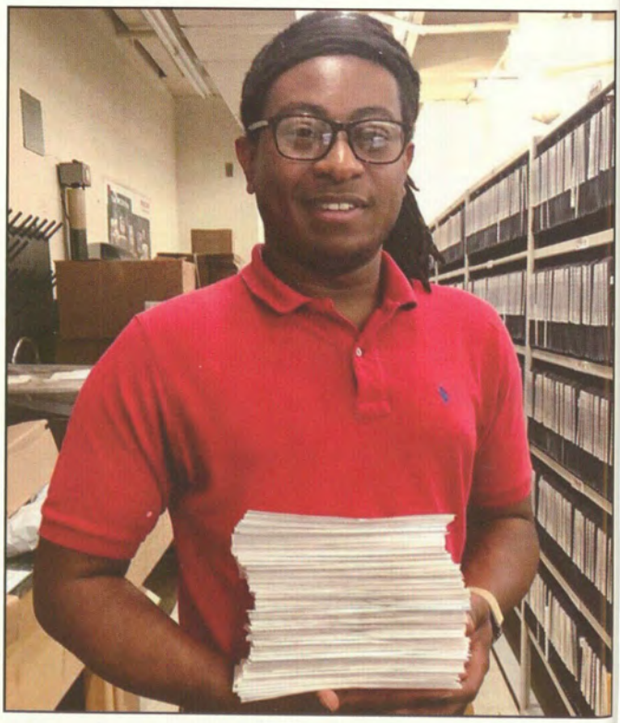


Photographs: Students enjoyed Trivia Night on Tuesday as they caught up with friends and reconnected with the Caf after a long summer of being away.

Photos: Samford students and their families enjoyed the Family Weekend tailgate before the game in Seibert Stadium.







Above Left: Family Weekend was complete with a photo booth to help commemorate the weekend.
Above Right: After the parents left Samford's campus, letters were mailed out to Samford students that were written by their parents during the weekend.

Family Weekend

Generations of Tradition

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Office of Parent and Family Programs

Family Weekend gives parents and siblings a chance to spend time with their Samford students, meet other Samford families, and explore Birmingham just a couple weeks into the fall semester.

This year, the weekend started off with a Tiny Sam Photo Scavenger Hunt around campus for the chance to win a Step Sing Weekend package, which included a two-night stay at the Homewood Courtyard by Marriott and a dinner for four at Little Donkey.

"Seeing my parents after being at school for a while was refreshing, but taking them on a scavenger hunt around campus was even better. We all loved it even though we didn't win," said junior Hannah Olive.

The weekend continued with an official campus tour for students with siblings. During and after the tour, parents had the opportunity to attend classes taught by Samford professors at the Parent Academy. Families also joined Dr. Andrew Westmoreland for popsicles at Pops with the Pres, a favorite for many students and parents.

"I love free popsicles, but even better than that was free popsicles with my parents and Dr. Westmoreland. It was so fun," said junior Lauren Center.

Other activities included Choral Vespers in Reid Chapel for families to worship together, a parent prayer walk, the Samford Parents Association Breakfast, and open houses for all the departments around campus.

On Saturday, families gathered for a tailgate lunch before the Samford football game. Tents for different states, sororities, fraternities, and on-campus organizations filled the quad and welcomed families to mingle and learn more about the activities on Samford's campus before the Bulldogs' 30-24 victory over Mercer.

"Family Weekend was a fun time to see my parents, but I think our favorite part was definitely the football game," said junior Caroline Larry. "Even though they live in Birmingham, it provided an opportunity for us to get together, tailgate, and watch a great game."

The weekend ended with the Annual Hymn Sing in Reid Chapel. Families gathered to worship and pray for their students before heading back home.

"I think the Hymn Sing was the best way to end the weekend," said junior David Cronin. "Worshipping with not only my family, but other families was a cool experience."

Homecoming 2018

The Past Meets the Present

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographers: Abby Zajac & Kevin Zheng

Bulldogs from across the country gathered in Birmingham on Nov. 2-3 to celebrate Samford's Homecoming 2018. To kick off the week, Samford's annual Bulldog Bash was hosted in Seibert Stadium, which featured performances by the dance and cheer teams to pump up the crowd for all that Homecoming Week entailed.

In the days leading up to the Homecoming Game, students were surprised with food trucks visiting Ben Brown Plaza, fun activities, and a T-shirt sale. There were a wide variety of classic Birmingham food vendors, including Church Street Coffee and Big Spoon Creamery. In addition, students were able to engage in a plethora of games set up in Ben Brown Plaza as they made their way through campus.

"Homecoming 2018 was one to remember! All week SAC had fun activities planned," said Sophomore Class President Hope Dawson. "From free fanny packs at Bulldog Bash to stickers on Ben Brown, there were plenty of takeaways, too!"

Additionally, campus organizations competed in beloved a Samford Homecoming tradition. Throughout the week, organizations decorated their own large, homecoming-themed board displayed in Ben Brown Plaza. During the Homecoming Game, Tri Delta was announced as the winner of the 2018 competition.

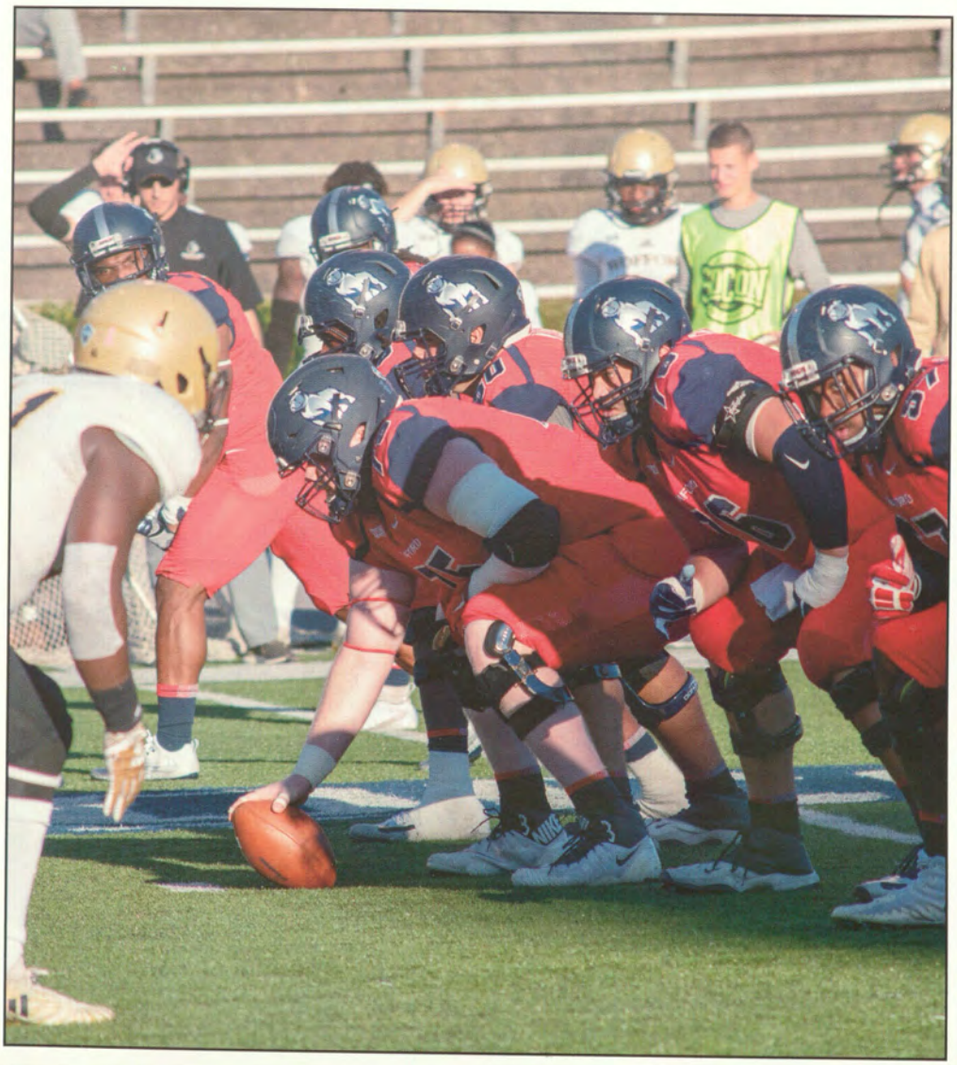
On Nov. 1, Samford hosted the biannual Homecoming Ball. The tradition continued with students from all walks of campus dancing the night away. At the ball, Samford seniors Trent Taylor and Anne Chason Wachter were crowned Homecoming King and Queen surrounded by their fellow court members.

"From the music to the dancing with friends, Homecoming was the best," said freshman Laura Lee Caum. "Samford gave us a night to remember."

Throughout Homecoming Weekend, thousands of Samford Alumni reminisced on their college days at presentations, the Annual Candlelight Dinner, and tailgates on the Quad. At the dinner, five alumni were awarded for distinction in their careers, community and church involvement, and service to Samford. The five honorees were Bradley Dennis '73, Kimeran Stevens '70, Jeremy Towns '13, and Allison and Tyler Fuqua '06.

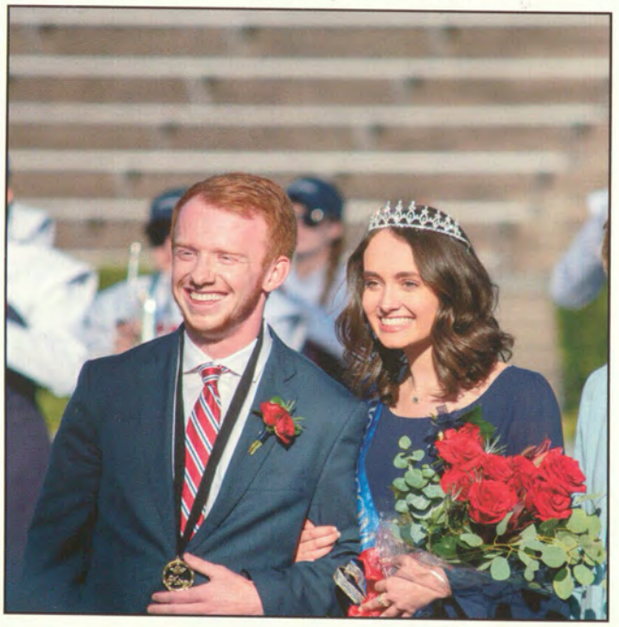
Saturday brought students, alumni, and their families together as one big Samford family to celebrate the Homecoming occasion. After a tailgate filled with food, fellowship, and corn hole, Bulldog fans gathered in Seibert Stadium to watch the Samford football team defeat Wofford College 35-20, thus, concluding a fantastic Homecoming weekend on a high note.

Above: Samford students enjoyed the live music and danced the night away at the 2018 Homecoming Ball.
Right: The Student Activities Council provided Samford paraphernalia to commemorate the week.



Left: At the line of scrimmage, the Samford Bulldogs prepared for another play as they fought for a win over Wofford College.

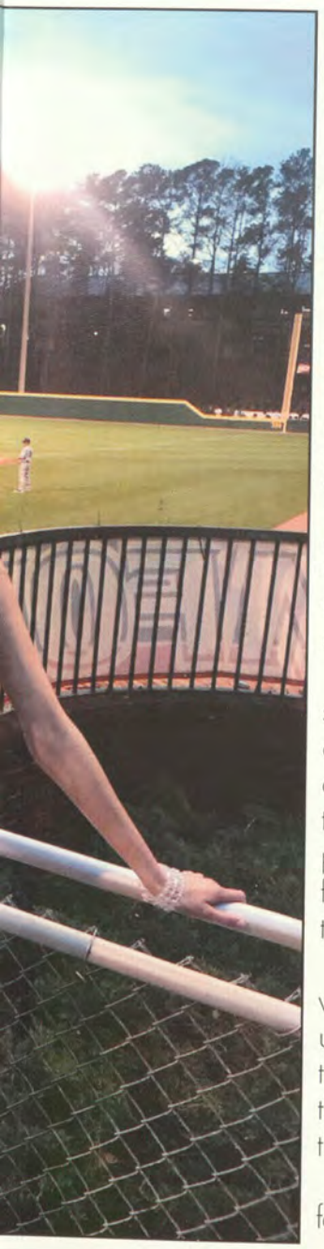
Below: Seniors Anne Chason Wachter and Trent Taylor were crowned Homecoming Queen and King at the Homecoming Ball and recognized during halftime along with the rest of the Homecoming 2018 Court.



Above: Samford students from various organizations collaborated with fellow organization members to create Homecoming-themed boards, which were on display in Ben Brown Plaza during the game on Saturday.

Right: Miss Samford 2019 made a continuous effort to show her support for Samford, which included her attendance at sporting events.
Below: Bain celebrated her victory with fans who came to support her in the pageant.

Above: After Miss Samford 2019, Bain made a positive impact on individuals at Samford and beyond.



Miss Samford 2019

Representing Samford

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Anna Bain

On Nov. 17, Samford University hosted its 71st annual Miss Samford University in the Wright Center. As a preliminary for Miss America, participating students take the pageant very seriously and begin preparing months in advance. To prepare for the pageant, the contestants practiced for a 10-minute interview with a panel of judges, a lifestyle and fitness category, onstage questions, a talent portion, and an evening wear category.

Although preparing for the pageant consumed hours of the ladies' free time, many of the contestants would not trade the experience for anything. From experienced participants to first-time pageant contestants, the ladies that participated in Miss Samford 2019 gained invaluable friendships and developed their talents through the process.

Despite it being a competition, the young women who competed in Miss Samford formed unbreakable bonds with one another. Through the highs and lows of competing in a pageant, the contestants found strength in their peers as they prepared for the pageant.

"It has been an experience that I will cherish for the rest of my life," said Anna Bain. "I couldn't be more grateful the Lord has blessed me with this opportunity and the experiences and memories I have made through it."

At the end of the pageant, Anna Bain was crowned Miss Samford 2019. This meant she received scholarship money and the opportunity to compete in Miss Alabama. Aside from winning, Bain is grateful for the opportunity to impact those around her through her role as Miss Samford 2019.

"Having the opportunity to represent the university which is so near and dear to my heart is an honor," said Bain. "It has allowed me to use this platform to get to know so many people on campus and in the community. I will never forget this journey, and I hope that I have been able to make an impact through my time as Miss Samford.

As Bain continues to use her title to positively impact her peers, she looks forward to competing in Miss Alabama at the time of press. Furthermore, she encourages young women on Samford's campus to participate in Miss Samford 2020 since it was an unforgettable experience that has played a major role in shaping her Samford story.

Above: Bain and the newly crowned Mr. Samford posed together for a photo after Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy event Mr. Samford.
Left: Previous Miss Samford winners showed support for Bain after she was crowned in November.

Right: The 12 honored seniors took part in the holiday traditions of Hanging of the Green.
Below: Reid Chapel was beautifully decorated for the holiday festivities.

Lighting of the Way

Continuing Holiday Tradition

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographer: Katie O'Neal

After a short hiatus during last year's holiday season due to renovations in Reid Chapel, students and faculty once again gathered in the chapel to kick off the beloved holiday tradition, Lighting of the Way, with the annual Hanging of the Green. This beautiful and joyous service featured music from the School of the Arts while selected senior honorees led the congregation in the celebration of Christmas.

During the ceremony, 12 seniors were honored for their impressive academics and leadership on campus. The 12 honorees, Kyle Christian Church, Andrew Christopher Freeman, Olivia Katherine Halverson, Anna Marie Higginbotham, Emily Louise London, John Reed McMullan, Brittany Llane Morgan, Anne Davis Parks, Mary Kathryn Parrott, Jacob R. Payne, Mary Elizabeth Wagner, and Peyton Garrett Welch, took part in the service by reading different passages and leading certain traditions.

After Hanging of the Green, students found their way to the Quad for Lighting of the Way. At Lighting of the Way, the Samford community listened to live music by Jon McLaughlin, enjoyed festive treats, heard Dr. Andrew Westmoreland and his wife, Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland, read the Christmas story, and took part in the countdown to the lighting of the Christmas tree.

"It was so fun! Everyone loves the countdown and the lights, but I especially loved the music this year," said Jewel Morgan.

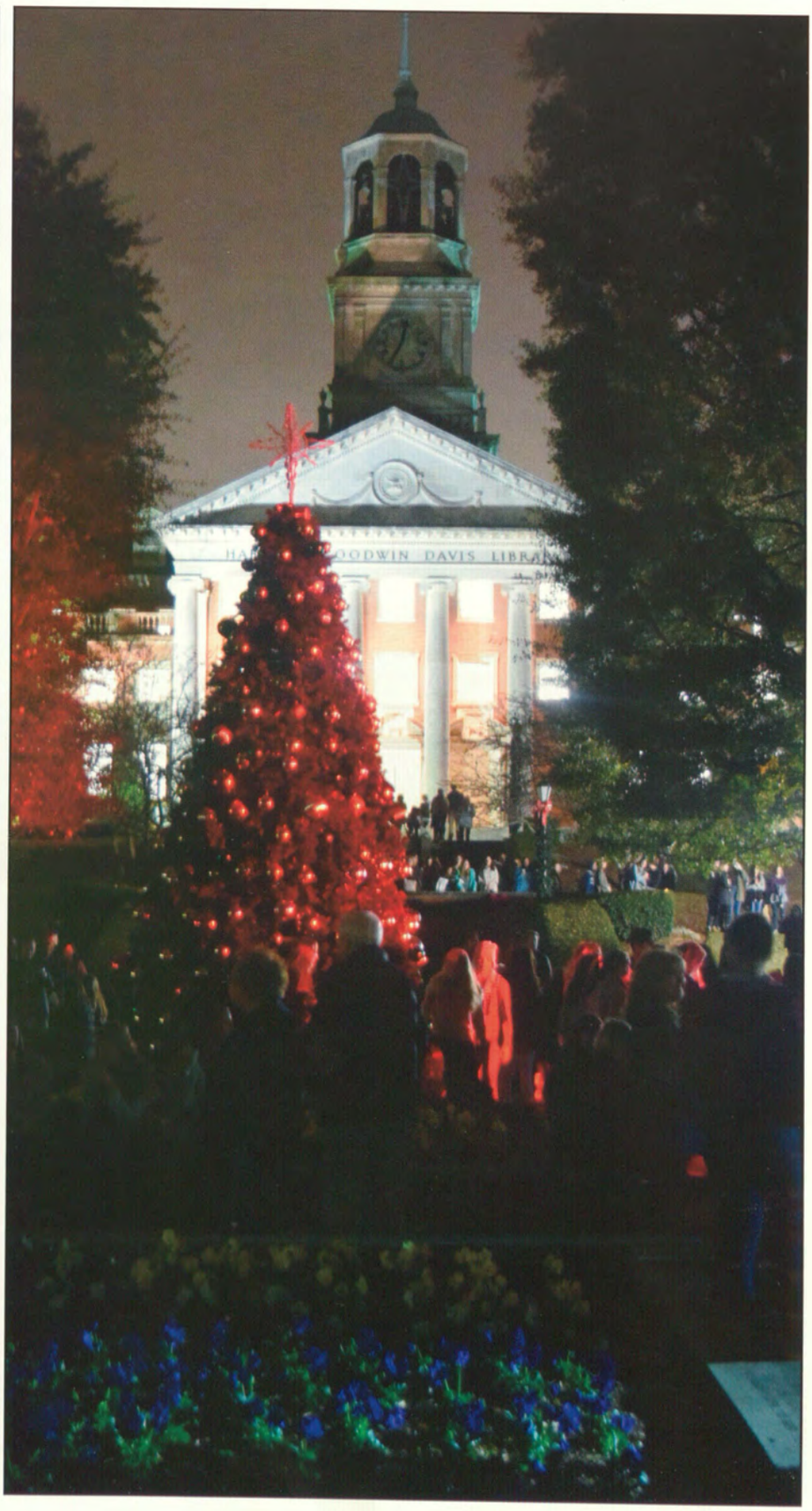
The event would not have been possible without Samford's Student Activities Council (SAC). The SAC leadership team and committee members spent hours planning for the event to ensure the attendees enjoyed the festive tradition. Additionally, committee members worked the event from setting up to serving food.

"Lighting of the Way is a great tradition to bring in the Christmas season and a fun way to experience Samford. Even when I'm working it," Ashton Holiday, a junior on the planning committee, said.

With traditional Christmas songs, candle lighting, seasonal food, Dr. Westmoreland's presence, and McLaughlin's music, this annual event was hard to beat. It was the perfect way to celebrate Christmas with friends before heading back home for the holidays.

"What better way to ring in the Christmas season than Hanging of the Green and Lighting of the Way," said junior Abby Olive.

Below Left: Mr. Beeson kept a watchful eye over his beloved Lighting of the Way.
Below Right: The Samford and larger Birmingham communities mingled and enjoyed the festive treats before the lighting of the tree.
Very Bottom: Honored seniors took part in the worship service during Hanging of the Green.



Step Sing

Samford's Greatest Tradition

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of Katie Roth & Samford Student Activities

In February, 16 dedicated groups of students participated in the 2019 Step Sing show. The themes ranged from toy soldiers to trolls and every theme in between. For three weeks, groups once again experienced the entire Step Sing process, including daily practices, dress rehearsals, and sold-out shows.

"My favorite part about Step Sing this year was getting to see shows from their first tech to their first night on stage," said this year's Step Sing host, Allie Woodside. "I also loved getting to be a part of Step Sing while also being behind-the-scenes and getting to see a side of Step Sing that not everyone gets to see."

Over the course of the performance weekend, thousands of people came to the Wright Center to see Step Sing, but that is not the most remarkable thing that happened. This year, Samford raised over $14,000 for the Food Bank of Alabama, which will provide food for thousands of kids.

"I love doing Step Sing and having fun, but I think the coolest part about the whole thing is the philanthropy," said Rylen Smith, a participant in Tri Delta's show. "It is inspiring how much money Step Sing is able to raise."

For many participants, their favorite part about participating is the Step Sing community.

"I love that Step Sing is a time to get to know students both older and younger than me that I typically wouldn't meet," said Katie Newton, a participant in Phi Mu's show. "I'm proud of the fact that I was a small part of what makes Samford so great – Step Sing!"

Lauren Center, a participant in the only co-ed group, had a similar opinion about her group, Spectrum.

"I love the community of Spectrum. I get to meet and build relationships with people that I probably would have never met otherwise. I also loved seeing how much our show improved this year and hearing all the positive comments people had about our theme and our show!"

Aside from hoping to improve from the previous year, all the groups competed for the Sweepstakes. This year, Sigma Chi placed first in the Men's Division and Zeta Tau Alpha placed first in Women's Division. As for the Sweepstakes winner, Alpha Delta Pi placed first for the second year in a row with their humorous show about toy soldiers.

While only three groups left the weekend with winning titles, every group will treasure the memories formed while participating in 2019 show.

"My favorite part of Step Sing is always one specific part. Before our last performance, our group gets together and shares how Step Sing has impacted them," said Brooke Harmon, a participant in the Indie Ladies' cat-themed show. "It is rewarding to hear about how a group of girls coming together is so much deeper than just putting on a fun show. Granted, this is encompassed by the memories of learning choreography and how to be cats, late-night Waffle House runs, and sitting in the balcony, but it really helps establish why Step Sing is the best and biggest tradition Samford has."

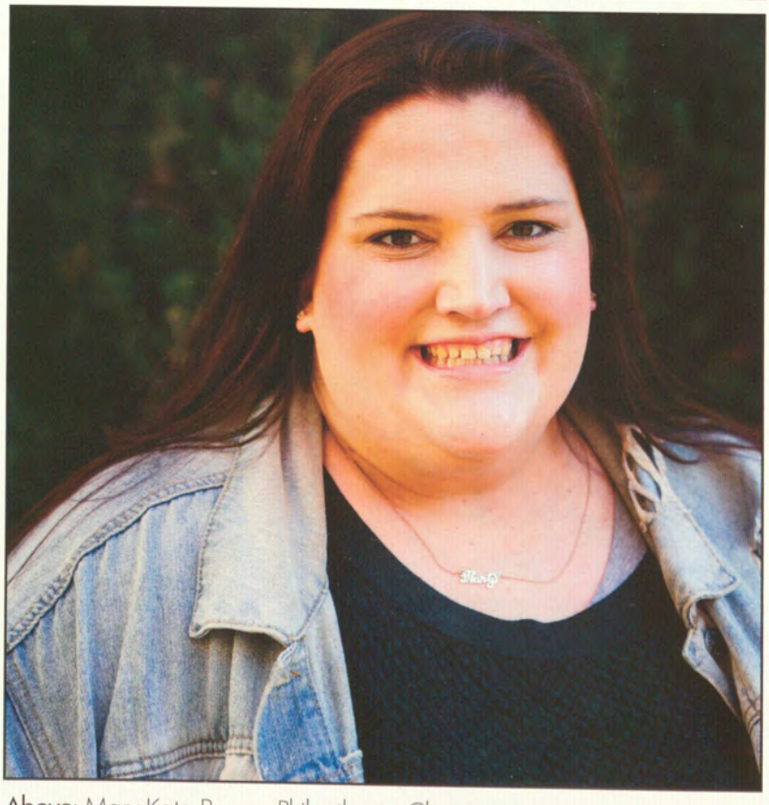
Above: In addition to the championship titles, awards were handed out at the end of each performance that celebrated the accomplishments of multiple groups and individuals that participated in Step Sing 2019.

Overall Directors

Behind the Scences of Step Sing

Photographer: Mollie Master

Right: Cat Knapp, the Committee Chairman, worked with the 20 other members of the Overall Committee to ensure every aspect of Step Sing 2019 ran smoothly.
Below: Allie Woodside, Overall Emcee



Above: Mary Kate Brown, Philanthropy Chairman
Left: Haley Schneider, Overall Director

Freshman Ladies

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Leprechauns: The Musical

Phi Mu

Tee Time

Alpha Omicron Pi

Patches

Sigma Chi

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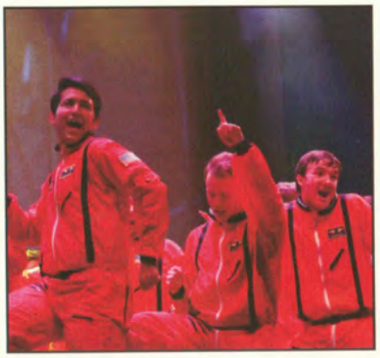
First Steps



Zeta Tau Alpha

Cast

Far Right: Students sprinted past the start line to be the first to find the eggs filled with free prizes.
Immediate Right: Free prizes awarded throughout the hunt was a call for excitement and celebration.

Above: The event provided students with free activities and food, including a life-sized Velcro wall, pizza, LaCroix, and Big Spoon Creamery.
Right: After the hunt, students looked through their Easter eggs and enjoyed the free treats on the quad.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hunting for Samford Memories

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographer: Katie Roth

Who says you're too old to hunt eggs? On April 16, SAC hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt for Samford students, which was quite a hit. Along with a huge hunt for 1,000 eggs filled with various surprises, SAC provided free Papa John's pizza, Big Spoon ice cream sandwiches, containers of Ben and Jerry's ice cream, egg dying, a raffle for AirPods, and a tent to redeem prizes in the eggs.

"The Easter egg hunt is a fun event that brings the Samford community together and allows us to act like kids for an afternoon," said sophomore Meredith Stone. "We hide over 1,000 eggs on the quad, and we have tons of activities to do after the hunt. It really brings about the spirit of Easter on campus."

The mass of students hunting for eggs waited during the countdown and began sprinting across the Quad with their bags hunting for eggs.

"The whole event was so much fun and a great stress reliever as finals are approaching," said sophomore Leah Etheridge.

Stone said her favorite memory from the event was helping the event go smoothly while still having fun.

"A fun memory for me that day was serving pizza, and whenever a song came on that I love, I would dance and serenade the girl serving with me. It was so fun to just let loose and be super goofy for the afternoon," Stone said.

For many, events like these are integral to the Samford experience and serve as one of the many opportunities to form positive memories on campus.

"Through these events, it's when I realize the lengths Samford goes to make students feel involved and included here," Etheridge said. "It's great for the students that don't get to go home for Easter because Samford provides a little piece of home on campus."

Samford Gives Back

Making an Impact on the Community

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographers: Abbie Brown & McKenna Neville

On March 30, hundreds of Samford students gathered in the Wright Center at 8 a.m. ready and eager to serve. Groups included different clubs on campus, sororities, and fraternities coming together as one to serve the community that lies outside the gates of Samford University for Samford Gives Back.

Samford Gives Back, a special tradition that is hosted by the Mann Center for Ethics and Leadership, partners with community organizations to provide students the opportunity to go beyond the limitations of campus and get plugged into various organizations.

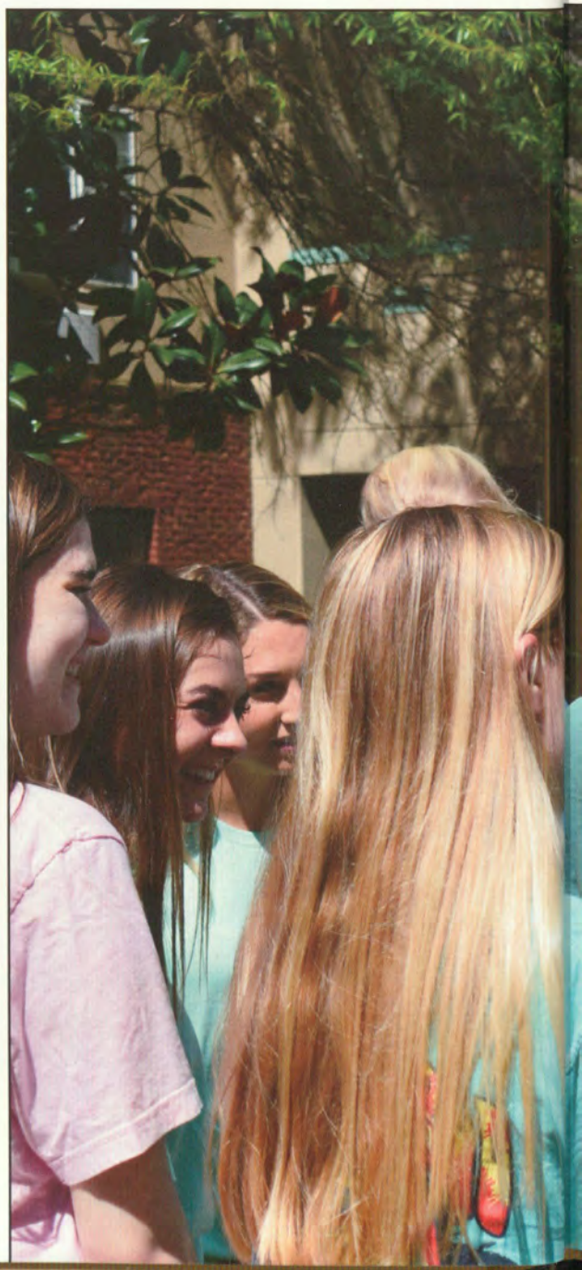
"My group did our time of service running the learning stations at the McWane Science Center," said junior Anna Bain, who participated in the Panhellenic group for Samford Gives Back. "It was such a blessing being able to serve the families while teaching them a new lesson at the same time."

As an annual Samford tradition, Samford Gives Back is one of the students' favorite ways to serve the community while earning convocation credit. It allows students to easily volunteer for something they are passionate about alongside their Samford family.

"Since I had such a great time last year participating with my sisters and Samford, I decided to do it again," said sophomore Molly Moriak. "This year at Missing Links, we brushed horses and played with, pet, and fed all of the animals there."

For many students, Samford Gives Back is an opportunity to have fun while getting to know the Birmingham community outside of Samford's gates.

"I would really encourage other people to be involved with Samford Gives Back because it allows you to really know and explore the community around us," Moriak said.



Photos: Whether assisting the elderly or cleaning up the Botanical Gardens, Samford students had a blast assisting the Birmingham community during Samford Gives Back.

Right: During Summer Send-Off, students performed in Battle of the Bands competing for a spot at Your School, Your City 2019.
Below: The celebration for summer included a variety of free things for students to enjoy, from bouncy houses to free food.

Above: Students took a break from studying to compete in a game of tug-of-war.

Summer Send-Off

The Best is Yet to Come

Author: Katie Roth
Photographer: Katie Roth

The week of April 29 marked the beginning of Summer Send-Off 2019. A week planned by the Student Activities Council (SAC), students had the chance to celebrate the end of the semester a little early before finals week hit. Beginning on Tuesday, students were greeted by puppies on the quad, donuts, and lawn games in Ben Brown.

"We got to put on fun events for the students to kick off the start of summer," said junior and member of the SAC planning committee Melanie Hancock. "It is always exciting to see students enjoying the events that we have been planning as a team over the semester."

Wednesday morning began with the Annual Flea Market held in Ben Brown. Students signed up to reserve a table in Ben Brown in advance and sold everything from silicone straws and baked goods to used clothing. For example, juniors Grace Geyer and Dana Gilreath sold hand-sewn scrunchies and ribbon hair ties with their newly formed business, Count the Happies, to raise money for Summer Beach Project. Additionally, senior Bette Roberts sold T-shirts reading "Kindness is Free" to fundraise for her upcoming international move to Cambodia to share the Gospel.

Later that day, Field Day was held on the quad. Picnic blankets were spread out across the quad as students enjoyed snow cones from Kona Ice and free burgers provided by Jim 'N Nick's Bar-B-Q. Hula hoops, an inflatable obstacle course, a ladder ball set, KanJam, and a good old fashioned Tug-of-War game were also available for entertainment. In addition to the free food and field games, a raffle was held throughout the evening with the old-time favorite movie *Camp Rock* playing in the background. Riffle prizes included summer-themed items, such as Razor scooters, Spikeball sets, badminton, pool floats, and Yeti cups.

"Summer Send-Off was so bittersweet! Going the picnic on the quad and the Battle of the Bands were really great ways to soak up some of my last moments with my friends for a while," said freshman journalism and mass communications major Anna Legan West.

Thursday marked the Last Day of Class, which called for the celebration of another semester coming to an end. A pizza party with end of the year awards was held that morning in Ben Brown, but the most exciting event of the day was the first ever Battle of the Bands event in the newly renovated Harry's Coffeehouse. Contestants competed in front of their peers and three judges for the chance to be the opening act at the 2019 Your School, Your City event to kick off the 2019-2020 school year. By the end of the night, freshman Taylor Wilson won the runner-up title, and the The Ratio, composed of Andrew Morris, Seth King, Jack Sullivan, Jackson Core, and Gil Shelsby, won first place.

Above: SAC provided paraphernalia to commemorate the week.
Left: Vendors at the Summer Send-Off flea market sold handmade products to fellow students.

Top Right: Samford's club lacrosse team posed for a quick photo after one of their games.
Right: The Pi Kappa Phi intramural football celebrated their victory.

Campus Recreation

Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Campus Recreation, Clayton Long, & Kayla Tyrrell

Throughout the school year, Campus Recreation provided students with a wide range of ways to become physically active. From on-campus facilities to intramurals, there was something for everyone interested in spending time amidst their obligations to unwind by engaging in athletics.

For students interested in working out according to their own routine, Campus Recreation provided them with a variety of different facilities. From the Pete Hanna Center to the campus pool, students had access to cardio machines, weights, and a body of water to use for workouts.

Although the facilities were frequented by many students, other students preferred group exercise classes. Thus, Campus Recreation provided students with a variety of classes, such as Zumba and Yoga, that students could attend on a weekly basis.

In addition to facilities and workout classes, another large part of Campus Recreation was intramurals. Samford offered many sports on their intramural lineup, including basketball, flag football, soccer, softball, ultimate frisbee, and volleyball.

Along with the typical team sports, Samford intramurals hosted tournaments between individuals, such as billiards, table tennis, dodgeball, Spikeball, Cornhole, and ultimate frisbee.

"I've always played sports throughout my entire life and wanted to continue playing in college," said first-year pharmacy student Kayla Dendy. "My favorite part about intramurals is meeting more of my sisters on my team for AOII and having an intentional relationship with them.

Finally, Campus Recreation was responsible for club sports as well. From lacrosse to ultimate frisbee, Samford was home to multiple club teams that competed against other university teams on a competitive level.

In the upcoming school year, Campus Recreation will continue to provide Samford students with a variety of different avenues to stay fit. For students who are averse to working out in a gym or class setting and are not interested in club sports, intramurals provide a supportive environment in which students can engage in physical activity. Thus, Campus Recreation encourages all students to become active during their college experience.

Left: Samford's ultimate frisbee club team grabbed a quick photo to show off their jerseys before their game.
Above: A member of the ultimate frisbee team reached out to complete a pass.

Above: Members of the Chi O intramural volleyball team celebrated another victory and finished the season strong winning the championship game.
Left: A Samford lacrosse player prepares to receive a pass.

Right: Sisters of Phi Mu enjoyed a fall day on the Quad tailgating with food and fellowship.
Below: The Student Activities Council planned a themed Ben Brown Day in preparation for March Madness complete with basketball, four square, soccer, and Dr. Andrew Westmoreland's bracket picks.

Above: Members of Zeta Tau Alpha celebrated each other's company at a tailgate before cheering on the Bulldogs.
Right: Students enjoyed the newly renovated Harry's Coffeehouse during the venue's first show of the year, Battle of the Bands.

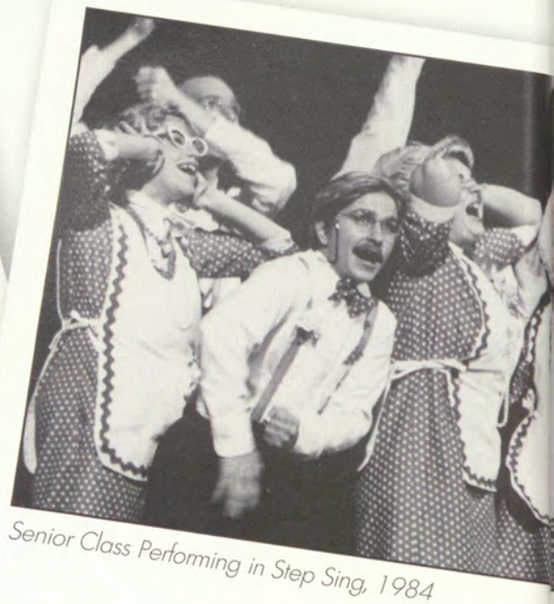
Life on Campus

Defining Samford Moments

Photographs: Courtesy of Anisha Nizar Ali, Kelsey Richardson, Katie Roth, Caroline Simmons, & SAC

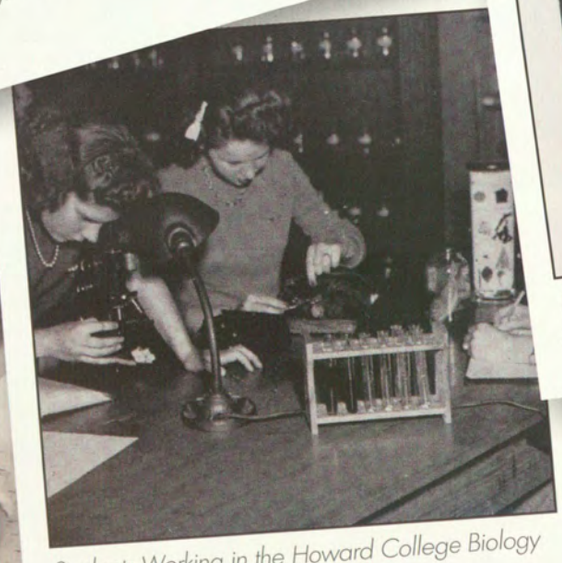
Above: Samford students were ecstatic whenever they received free goods from the Student Activities Council on Ben Brown Days.
Left: During the Student Activities Council's March Madness-themed Ben Brow Day, students engaged in a variety of sports to kick-off the tournament.
Middle: Student bands and solo acts performed in Harry's Coffeehouse for Battle of the Bands during Summer Send-Off Week.

Howard College Franklin Literary Society, 1913



Senior Class Performing in Step Sing, 1984

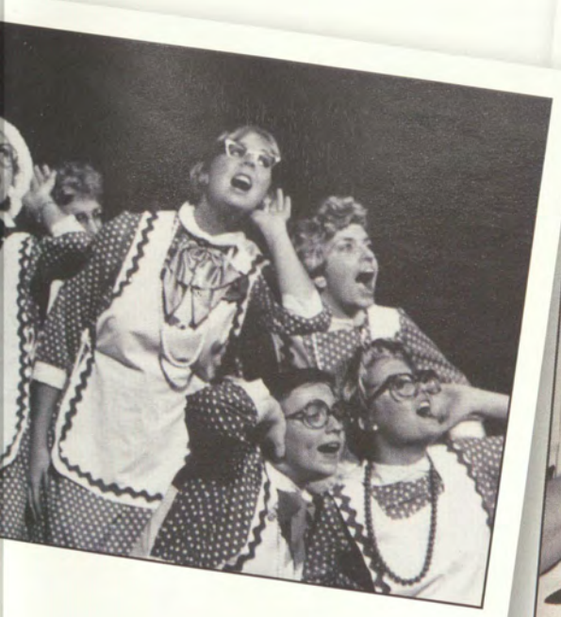
Bulldog Birthday Party with Sam & Lambda Chi Alpha, 1972

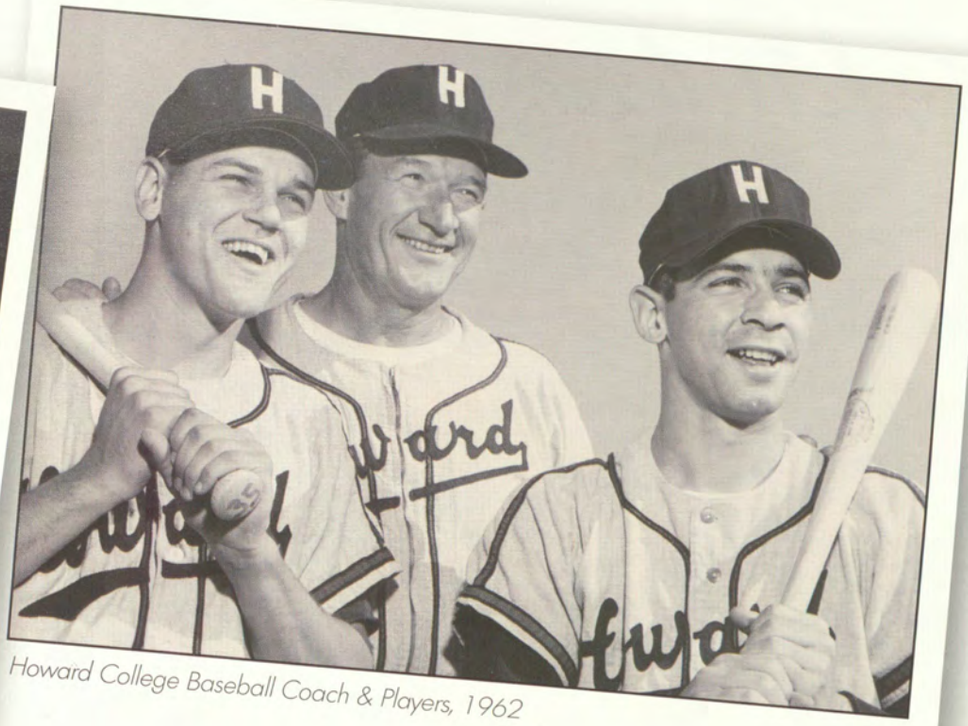


Students Working in the Howard College Biology Lab, 1945

Outside Art Class, Undated

Students in the East Lake Campus Dining Hall, 1914





Howard College Baseball Coach & Players, 1962

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Past

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East Lake Campus Classroom, Undated

Student Organizations

Hypatia Officers Planning Tea, 1980, Special Collection and University Archives

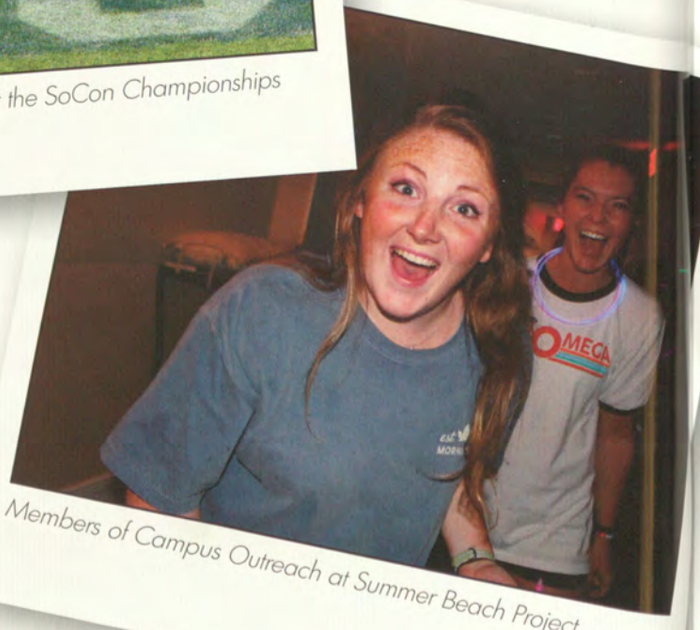
Samford Ambassadors

Incoming freshmen during Connections

Talent portion of Zeta Tau Alpha's philanthropy event Mr. Samford

Men's track team at the SoCon Championships

Students in the Howard College of Arts & Sciences



Members of Campus Outreach at Summer Beach Project

Alpha Delta Pi sisters and friends after an intramural game

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Year

ROTC members praying over each other

Photos: From cultural tea parties to raising awareness on Ben Brown Plaza during the Global Connections Fair, I-Club played their part in spreading cultural awareness on campus throughout the year.

International Club

Bringing the World to Campus

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of Allison Ambler

Each year, the International Club (I-Club) connects students to a wide range of cultures. During the 2018-2019 school year, students from around the world gathered to make food from different countries, discuss a variety of cultural issues, and learn about countries all over the world.

"I-Club is great at helping international people make more friends on campus with the same interests and experiences," said junior Ziyi Zhang. "I'm very grateful for everyone in this club."

In addition to connecting international students, I-Club successfully exposed citizens of the United States to a variety of cultural experiences. As a result, the I-Club fostered an environment in which native and international students intermingled and formed new relationships with each other.

"It's an opportunity to meet people from different places around the world," said junior Joyeuse Senga. "You get to learn about different cultures and different food. It's really fun!"

For the I-Club, the 2018-2019 school year was another successful year of pursuing the organization's mission. Their inclusive, student-led events created an environment that strengthened relationships between international and American students.

During the year to come, the organization looks forward to planning more cultural events complete with food and fellowship for Samford's campus to enjoy.

Black Student Union

Promoting Unity

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Alexis Peaks

As one of the largest cultural organizations on campus, the Black Student Union (BSU) strives to further infiltrate Samford's campus each year to spread their values of equality, respect, and unity.

According to the organization's constitution, "Black Student Union serves as an environment of inspiration for black students to excel, educating the student body on our history, and discouraging racial insensitivity through awareness events."

During the 2018-2019 school year, BSU fulfilled the mission written out in their constitution by engaging Samford's student body with social and educational programs and events. From their Fall Festival to the showing of *Black Panther* for convocation credit, all of the events hosted by BSU promoted unity amongst Samford.

In addition, BSU members honored Black History Month. In February, BSU organized a trip to the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum to learn more about the civil rights movement. Thus, members of the organization became even more equipped to discuss the negative effects of inequality across Samford's campus in hopes of promoting unity.

As a result of their impact on campus, BSU was named the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Organization at the Student Organization Awards for the 2018-2019 school year.

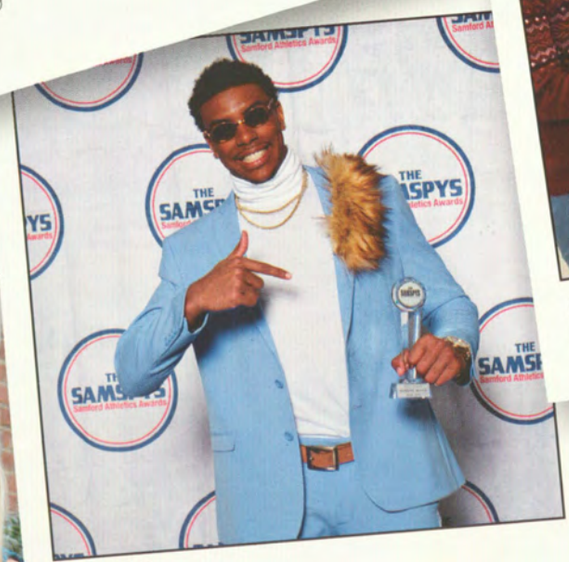
Looking forward to next year, the members hope to continually make a positive impact on campus as the Samford becomes more and more unified.

Above Left: Members of BSU pictured at the Birmingham Civil Rights Museum.
Above Right: With a heavy involvement on campus, such as their Black Panther convocation night, the Black Student Union won the 2018-2019 Outstanding Undergraduate Student Organization award.
Left: BSU celebrated Homecoming Week at their Fall Festival.

Student of Ida Moffett School of Nursing

Students at SAC's Fall Festival

Members of Delight at their gingerbread decorating party



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Members of SGA

Sigma Nu at their brotherhood retreat

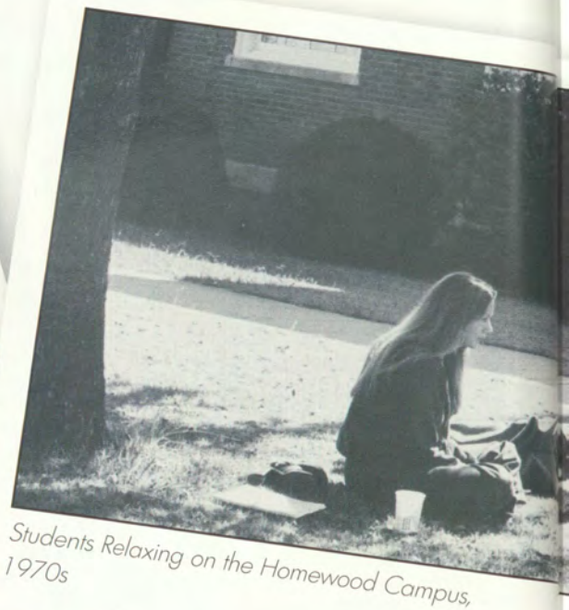
Sisters of Alpha Delta Pi with their new members on Bid Day

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Year

Women's soccer team

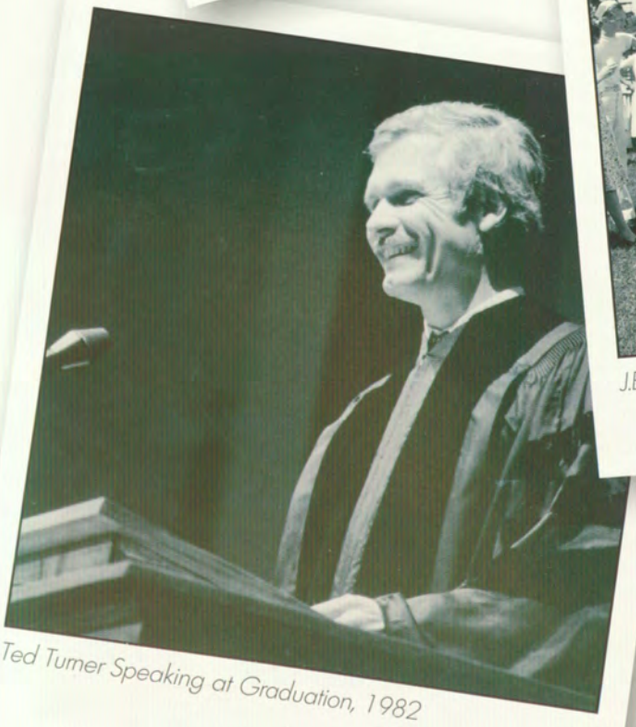
Howard College Football Team, 1903



Students Relaxing on the Homewood Campus, 1970s

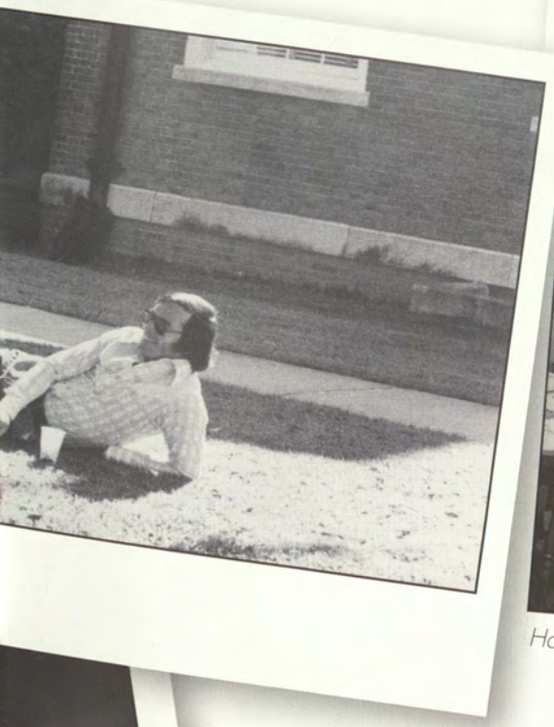
Ministerial Association Performing in Step Sing, 1980

J.B. Davis Running in a Campus Election, 1940s



Ted Turner Speaking at Graduation, 1982

Howard College Track Team, 1910-1911



Home Economics Class, 1961

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Past

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Filming of "Who Speaks for Birmingham," 1961

Above: Throughout the school year, members of Samford University College Republicans held regular meetings to discuss important political topics. **Far Right:** Members of the organization showed their support for Jim Carns during the 2018 election. **Right:** At the beginning of the school year, College Republicans set up a table on Ben Brown Plaza during the Student Organization Fair and encouraged fellow Samford students to join their organization.

College Republicans

Uniting Conservative Efforts

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University College Republicans

Although one of the University's few political organizations, Samford's chapter of College Republicans is very active on campus. From organizational meetings to political involvement off campus, the chapter has made a name for itself during the 2018-2019 school year.

Representing the Republican party, the organization strived to unite Samford students with conservative viewpoints. As a result, the organization was able to advocate for Republican motives. Based in Alabama, the organization aimed to make an impact at a local level throughout Birmingham.

With their goals in mind, the chapter held a variety of different on-campus meetings and volunteered for the sake of the Republican agenda in Birmingham. From special guests at their meetings, such as political activist and chairman of the Alabama Republican party, Terry Lathan, to door knocking for Jim Carns during his campaign running for the House of Representatives, the members of Samford's College Republicans had a busy year.

Campaigning for Carns was an exciting experience for the members of College Republicans due to the success of his campaign. Members of the organization were thrilled when he was elected as a member of the Alabama House of Representatives as they saw their support and efforts during midterms come to fruition.

As the successful school year came to a close, the members of the organization were proud of their advocacy and look forward to the year ahead to continue raising awareness for their values on Samford's campus and beyond.

College Democrats

Fostering Ideological Discussions

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University College Democrats

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, Samford University College Democrats (SUCD) worked hard to represent the ideals of the Democratic Party on Samford's campus. By working with the Alabama College Democrats State Federation, the Alabama Democratic Party, and local party organizations, SUCD fostered an environment that welcomed a discussion of the political party's ideals as well as bipartisan interactions on Samford's campus. In order to foster such an environment, the organization held a variety of meetings and events throughout the school year to encourage student participation.

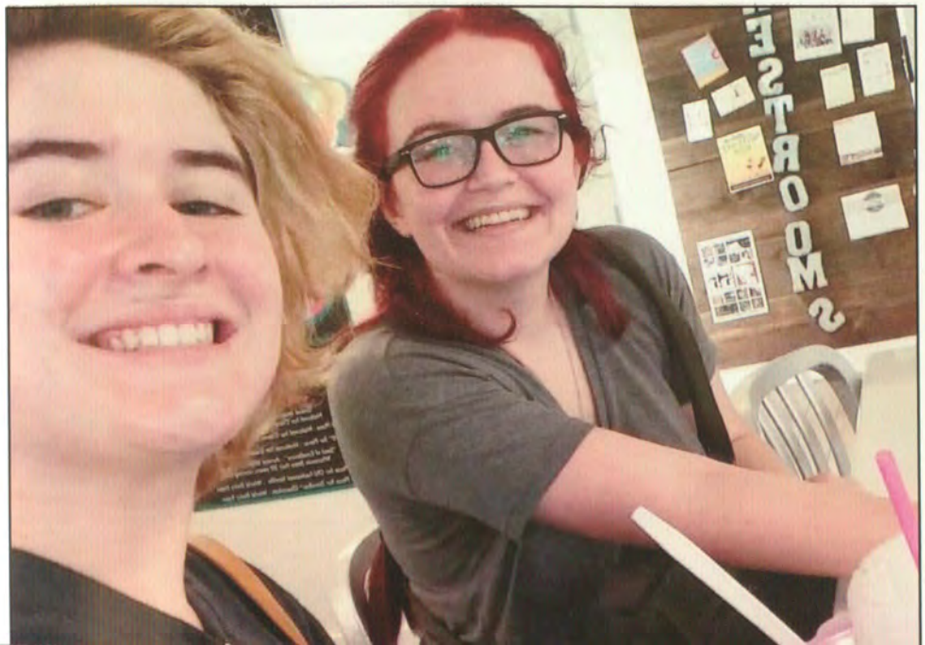
"We were a part of Welcome Back Week and handed out Samford Democrat educational pamphlets and election materials," said the president of SUCD, Jillian Fantin. "At our monthly meetings during the midterms, we invited various local democratic candidates to share their passion and platform with our members. Our members also canvassed for the Felicia Steward Campaign. SUCD partnered this year with various student organizations, including Delta Xi Phi and the Spanish Club, to host a *Hidden Figures* screening and a Dia De Los Muertos night!"

Fostering a community centered around political discussion, SUCD provided an environment in which members felt comfortable expressing their personal opinions, which students loved.

"One of my favorite parts of College Democrats is simply that it exists. I am a fairly left-leaning person, always have been, and College Democrats is the closest I can get in an organized way with other left-leaning people," said senior Will Featherston. "I was pretty nervous when I first came to Samford having been warned that some of my political and social views may not align with the school's culture but just knowing that College Democrats exists with like-minded people in it has been a personal comfort to me."

No matter a person's political beliefs, SUCD continually worked to create a space where people were welcomed to discuss their political ideologies this year.

Left: Members of the organization provided information to interested students at the Student Organization Fair. **Below:** SUCD enjoyed their time canvassing for the Felicia Steward Campaign.



Model United Nations

Encouraging Diplomatic Relations

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographs: Courtesy of Model United Nations Team

One of Samford's smallest and most prestigious organizations, Model United Nations (MUN) has competed in domestic and international conferences since its conception. This year, the team was constructed of eight students and its faculty adviser, Dr. Serena Simoni, who is the director of the International Relations Program within the Political Science Department.

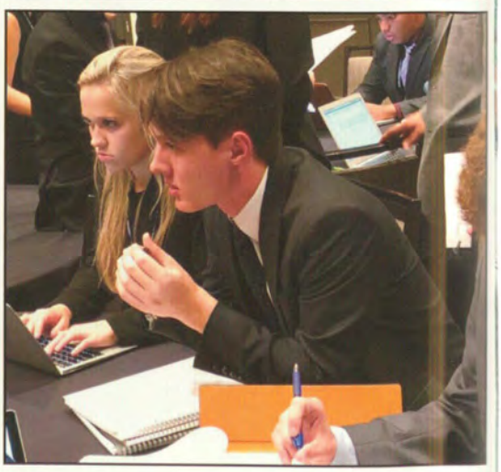
Through participation in MUN, students gain a broadened perspective on issues that concern the global community at large.

"The hardest truth I had to learn is nothing is perfect," said junior Mary Freiner. "With so many countries each having their own interests and histories with one another, it's hard to come to one conclusion. If you go in flexible and willing to accept some imperfections in order to accomplish a greater goal, the task becomes easier to achieve. MUN has taught me that my view of 'perfection' is not always the same as someone else's."

MUN not only allows students to travel around the world, but it provides undergraduate students an opportunity to actively engage with a legitimate issue through research, public speaking, and diplomacy. Thus, students who are a part of MUN learn how to discuss opposing viewpoints, negotiate multilateral agreements, and strive for global peace.

"As a freshman, I knew I wanted to work in international human rights, but I lacked professional trajectory," said senior Margaret Kuester. "Through the MUN team at Samford, I have learned so much about other nations and the importance of cooperation with others, despite ideological or cultural differences. Moreover, this organization has afforded me experiences in writing, speaking, traveling, cooperating, and leading. I would not trade my experiences with MUN for anything!"

Preparing students for careers in foreign and domestic non-profit environments, government institutions, or for graduate studies, members of MUN encourage all students interested in international relations to express their interested in joining MUN for the upcoming school year to Dr. Simoni.



Above: While in Washington, D.C. for a conference, members of the Model United Nations Team ensured to get in some sightseeing.
Far Right: Team members became regulars at deliberating and negotiating during committee meetings.
Right: The whole team posed for a quick photo at a conference during the 2018-2019 school year.

Far Left: Members of the debate team after the 2018 Samford Debate Tournament
Left: Competitors at the Mary Washington Debate Tournament
Middle: Members of the team with their director, Dr. Ryan Galloway, at the National Debate Tournament
Left: Sarah Emerson after her success at the Georgia State Debate Tournament

Samford Debate Team

Refuting for Victory

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Debate Team

A historic organization on campus, the Samford Debate Team had another successful year of competing at multiple different tournaments. Despite being a relatively young team, members showed up to impress and took home multiple awards to add to the team's extensive collection of trophies.

Under the guidance of Dr. Ryan Galloway, the Samford Debate Team competed in a variety of competitions this year, including the 2018 Samford Debate Tournament, the Georgia State Debate Tournament, and the Mary Washington Debate Tournament.

The Samford University Debate Team hit the ground running in the beginning of the semester at the 2018 Samford Debate Tournament. A duo comprised of sophomores Kiarra Broadnax and Max Willinger defeated Emory University to win the Junior Varsity Division. Furthermore, senior Moriah Windus and freshman Sarah Emerson defeated Emory and the University of Georgia, which allowed them to advance to the finals of the Varsity Division.

At the Georgia State Debate Tournament, Samford Debate added a few more wins to their name. Emerson placed second in the tournament, despite an impromptu partnership with a debater from Missouri State University after her partner from Samford was unable to participate. In addition to placing second, Emerson was named the top speaker of the tournament. A noteworthy performance for a freshman, Emerson beat out speakers from schools such as the University of Florida and the University of Miami.

Later in the fall semester, the Debate Team once again showed that they were a talented group of young individuals at the Mary Washington Debate Tournament. The duo of Windus and Emerson defeated teams from multiple schools, including Liberty University and Mary Washington University, to place in the final four. In addition to their success as a duo, both Windus and Emerson placed in the top 10 for overall speakers in the tournament. Additionally, the duo comprised of sophomores Alyssa Gregory and Broadnax defeated two teams from George Mason University. Finally, Willinger paired with a partner from Mary Washington University to defeat a team from George Mason University.

Although a young team, the Samford University Debate Team is clearly comprised of undeniable talent. As such, Dr. Galloway and the rest of the members look forward to building upon their success they saw during the 2018-2019 school year. As they continue to hone their skills, the team is excited about taking on strong competitors next year.

ROTC

The Future of the United States Air Force

Author: Leah Eckhoff
Photographer: Kevin Zheng

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) is a training program that allows men and women at Samford to pursue a career in the U.S. Air Force while earning a college degree. Samford offers a four-year program that exposes students to AFROTC.

"The whole point of ROTC is to prepare you and train you for life as an Officer of the United States Air Force," said junior Austin Peak. "Besides the career and military reasons, ROTC has been amazing in preparing me for life by teaching things such as leadership, time management, and just how important delegation is."

The program includes daily morning workouts, specialized classes for each year of students, and training time on Thursdays for marching and critical thinking games. Before junior year, students complete Field Training, which is a three-week program that tests officer potential.

"ROTC is definitely preparing me for my life after college," said freshman Robert Flowers. "For example, I want to be a pilot, so after I commission, I would be considered active duty and go to pilot training for two years. After training, I would be active duty for probably around 10 years."

Since training was only about four hours a week for most students, members of ROTC had time to be involved in various other extracurricular activities this year. For example, there were members involved with Greek Life and club teams at Samford. Additionally, members of Samford's ROTC also interacted with organizations off-campus, including ROTC detachments at the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Likewise, cadets from other universities were involved with Samford's program. Furthermore, ROTC students participated in a variety of other activities, including Samford Gives Back, air force base visits, and the annual military ball.

"ROTC helped me get plugged into the local community with volunteer opportunities by having a group to participate in Samford Gives Back with and by making sure I have no shortage of chances to hang out with friends or events to take part in," Peak said.

Clearly, ROTC provides students with countless opportunities that members benefit from both during and after college.

"For the longest time, I thought it would be great if I could find a way to serve my country and people, but it never occurred to me that I would be joining AFROTC," Peak said. "In fact, as I was looking more and more at the program, I thought I would end up doing Marines. What it ultimately came down to was the opportunity for jobs as a pilot and in the medical field as well as scholarship opportunities."

Right: ROTC students mastered a range of physical training exercises to prepare for the physical demands that come along with being a part of the Air Force.
Below: Besides physical training, ROTC members engaged in a variety of other training sessions to ensure they are ready to be commissioned.

Right: Cadet Colonel Stubbs guided a group of ROTC members during a training session.

Members of Grace Dance Ministry

SAC's Easter Egg Hunt

A game of four square at SAC's March Madness Ben Brown Day

CHS students and faculty celebrating Christmas

Suicide prevention event hosted by Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Sisters of Phi Mu during Recruitment

Members of Model UN

Retrospection

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Men's basketball team

Student Government Association

Serving the Students

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographer: Anna Claire Noblitt

Samford's Student Government Association (SGA) serves campus by representing and promoting the interests of the student body. In order to accurately represent the student body, SGA holds annual elections in which Samford students have the opportunity to vote for their fellow peers running for office.

For the 2018-2019 school year, elections were held in the spring semester of the 2017-2018 school year. From there, the newly elected Executive Board, which was comprised of President James Hornsby, Vice President for Senate Heath Padgett, Vice President for Events Cameron Dobbins, Vice President for Development Angel Sims, Chief Justice Emma Paine, Chief of Staff Brittany Morgan, Press Secretary Sarah Borozan, Treasurer Evans Head, and Chaplain Lucy Kate Green, hit the ground running to improve campus.

Under the executive branch, SGA is comprised of four different branches: Legislative, Judicial, Development, and Activities. Through the different branches, SGA was able to serve Samford's campus through tailoring the year toward the desires of the student body.

In order to uphold the values and goals of Samford University, SGA fell accountable to the Senate Code of Laws Committee.

The committee's responsibility was to ensure "All legislative measures are published according to general topics by title and chapter in the Code of Laws and outline in the Constitution," according to Samford's website.

In other words, SGA worked alongside the committee to ensure their work benefitted the student body as stated in the Constitution.

All in all, through adhering to tradition while adapting to new desires voiced by students, SGA successfully enriched the student body's 2018-2019 school year.

Above: Members of the 2018-2019 Development Branch.
Right: Members of the 2018-2019 Executive Branch.

Photos: Students enjoyed the first annual Fall Festival planned by the SAC committee pictured below.

Student Activities Council

Creating Memories

Author: Abby Zajac
Photographer: Will Wright & Abby Zajac

Student Activities Council (SAC) is a branch of Samford's Student Government Association (SGA). SAC is responsible for hosting events throughout the school year that are all-inclusive for students. There are three planning committees within SAC, including the Annual Events Committee, Special Events Committee, and Music Committee.

"SAC from the beginning has been one of my most favorite parts about Samford," said Director of Membership, Claudia Stephens. "Everyone on SAC, from the leadership team to our incredible adviser, Meg, to each and every committee member, makes me smile every day,"

The SAC leadership team is made up of six individuals led by the Vice President of Events, who serves on the Student Executive Board and is elected during the spring semester. The positions were as follows: Director of Membership, Director of Annual Events, Director of Special Events, Director of Marketing, and Director of Music. One of the requirements for the leadership positions is to serve on SAC beforehand, and most, if not all, members of the leadership team have previously served within SGA.

This year, the leadership team attended The National Association for Campus Activities South Regional Conference in Atlanta during the fall semester. At the conference, attendees were able to connect with vendors and artists to bring to Samford for various events throughout the year. They also attended informational meetings and breakout sessions pertaining to their positions. For example, Stephen DeFrancesco, Director of Music, attended a meeting about outdoor concerts, and Will Wright, Director of Marketing, attended a meeting about marketing events.

"From new events like the Fall Festival to traditions like Lighting of the Way, music new and old was celebrated," DeFrancesco said. "Here's to another great school year of music and the new music venue in the University Center."

During the 2018-2019 school year, SAC's main goal was to not only have a meaning behind their events but for every student to feel welcomed at the events.

"I have had the chance to make great friendships, put on incredible events, and see so much joy come from my own work," said SAC Director of Special Events, Stephen Peacock. "I am thankful for this opportunity I was given this year to serve on leadership, and I am looking forward to the time to come."

Students could almost always count on free food, live music, fun, and games at SAC events, but it's the people who attended the events that made them a piece of their Samford Story.

Photos: From working together on Preview Days to showing tour groups around on a day-to-day basis, SRT spent countless hours recruiting the incoming freshmen.

Samford Recruitment Team

Recruiting the Future of Samford

Author: Joy Wilkoff
Photographer: Lauren Mouchette

The red-polo-clad Samford Recruitment Team (SRT), composed of a diverse group of Samford's student population, worked with the Office of Admission to aid with recruitment events and give weekday tours to prospective students and their families.

"My experience being a member of SRT has confirmed over and over again why I chose Samford," said junior Abi Rogers. "We follow almost the same route around campus for every tour, but I never get tired of marveling at the College of Health Sciences building or talking about my favorite professors. The construction on campus is one of my favorite things to point out because it shows how much students are involved in the development of campus and how the administration seeks to foster an academic, social, and spiritual community."

The Office of Admission hosted three Preview Days in the fall semester along with a Diversity Preview Night. These events gave SRT members the opportunity to inform possible students about life and academics at Samford and help nervous high school students work through their qualms about college.

"For me, SRT has been one of the most rewarding ways I've been able to give back to campus. I have developed a deeper appreciation for the diversity of students and families who love Samford and make it what it is," said senior and President of the Samford Recruitment Team Emily London. "Sharing my personal stories with prospective families has allowed me to reflect on all the ways I've grown at Samford and the gift that my four years here truly has been for my life."

SRT not only impacted visiting students but members themselves. Talking about life on campus gave members of the team the opportunity to reflect on their experiences and how Samford has positively impacted them thus far by preparing them for their future.

Samford Ambassadors

Serving as Liaisons

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographer: Anna Claire Noblitt

Samford Ambassadors is a group of undergraduate individuals that exemplify the values of Samford University in all of their pursuits. Essentially, the main goal of these students as Samford Ambassadors is to form relationships. Thus, members must have strong written and verbal communication skills to successfully interact with a variety of different individuals and organizations

Apart from strong communication skills, Ambassadors embody Samford's Christian values. The Ambassadors dedicate themselves to serving the University under the program's mission shaped by John 13:15-17. Thus, Ambassadors humbly set forth to represent the entirety of Samford University, including its students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Representing the University, Ambassadors serve as liaisons between Samford and a variety of organizations. The common organizations that Ambassadors interact with include the Board of Trustees, the Board of Overseers, alumni, current students, and prospective individuals that may become involved with Samford in the future.

As liaisons, Ambassadors dedicated their time at various different events throughout the 2018-2019 school year. In doing so, the Ambassadors happily assisted Dr. Andrew Westmoreland in his efforts to positively communicate the Samford story to continually foster University advancement.

Outside of their day-to-day work as Ambassadors, perhaps the most noteworthy attribute of the group of undergraduates is "The Beeson" Bowtie. As a long-standing tradition, the male Ambassadors are often seen at events wearing a bowtie from Brier & Moss Clothiers, which is a company established by two Samford alumni.

For now, the women of Samford Ambassadors do not have any defining piece of clothing. Perhaps, the newly graduated class of 2019 should put their innovative minds together to create a product that will forever mark the female Ambassadors.

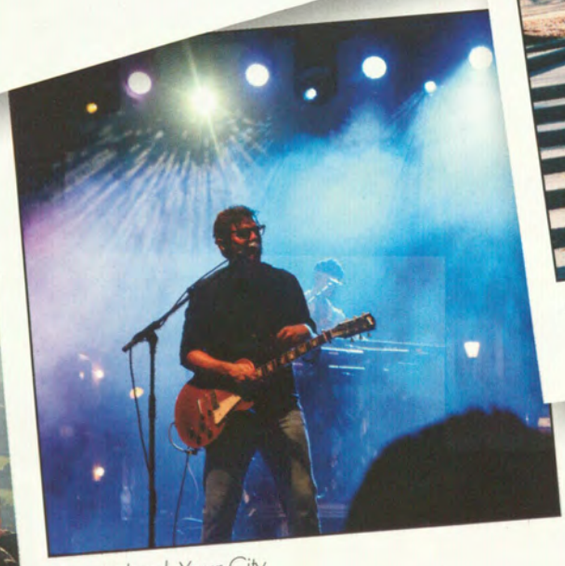
Until then, both the men and women of Samford Ambassadors will continue to serve the advancement of the University guided by its Christian ideals.

Photos: Ambassadors were spotted in their sleek uniforms on campus from time-to-time when working events for the University.

Women's softball team

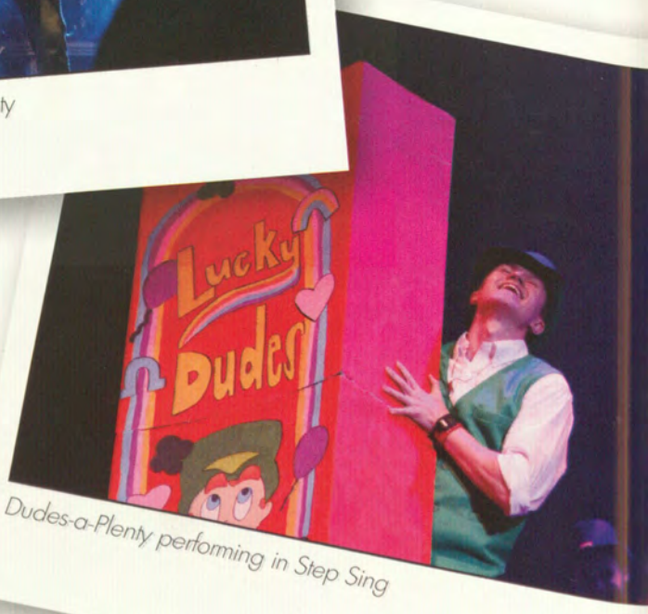
Samford Gives Back

Miss Samford 2019 with Mr. Beeson



Your School, Your City

Sophomore University Fellows in Italy during Jan Term



Dudes-a-Plenty performing in Step Sing

International English Society Sigma Tau Delta

Retrospection

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Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi at the Greek Life Awards

Mental Health Organizations

Body Positive and You're Not Alone

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of The Samford Crimson, You're Not Alone, and Body Positive.

It is no surprise that mental health issues are prominent among college students. The pressure to conform to society by looking and behaving a certain way fuels mental health struggles in students all around the nation.

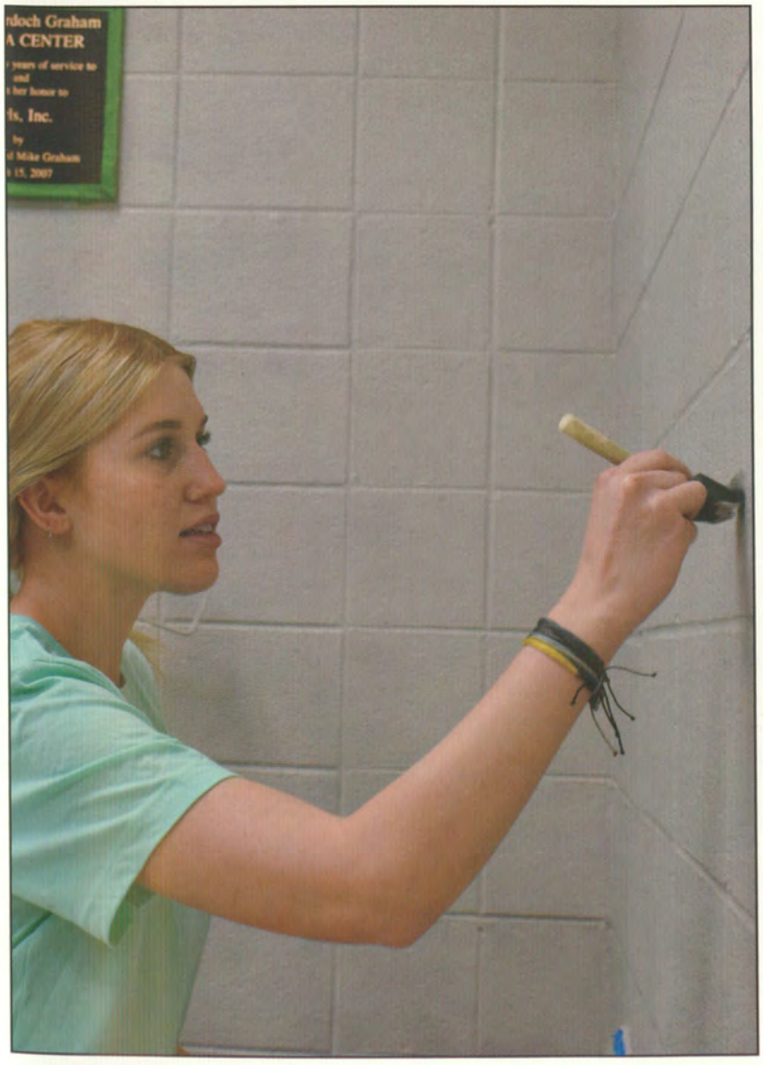
Thankfully, there are a few clubs combating these problems on Samford's campus, Body Positive and You're Not Alone. As mental health organizations, both groups work to create a safe place on campus where students can discuss mental obstacles they may be dealing with.

"Body Positive was started a couple of years ago to increase awareness about body image issues across campus while pointing to who God made us to be: fearfully and wonderfully made in His image," said the president of Body Positive, Avery Lorio. "I've really enjoyed getting to build relationships in the club as we are quite small. Those relationships have been deep and meaningful."

In addition to Body Positive's mission to provide a safe place for body image to be discussed, You're Not Alone provides a place for individuals struggling with loneliness and other mental health issues to call home by serving as a platform on which students can have those tough conversations that are otherwise hard to discuss.

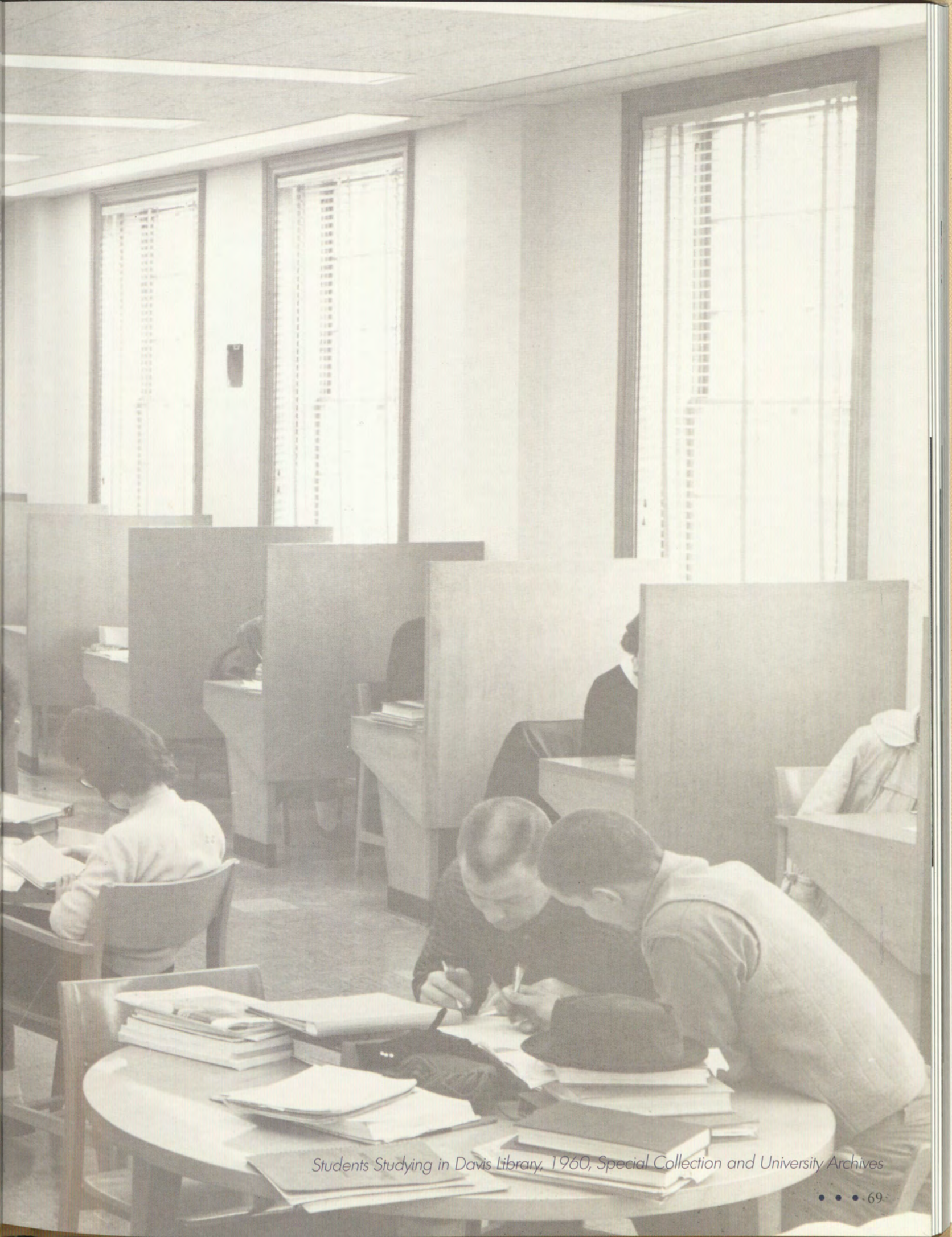
"My favorite part of YNA is their passion for making people feel loved, known, and cherished," said junior Ari Aspergren. "They fight to spread awareness about mental health and create a world where more people feel like they can speak up about how they are mentally," Aspergren said.

For students feeling like they need a safe place to discuss their mental health concerns, Samford's Counseling Services would be happy to provide a guiding hand and can be contacted at 205-726-4083.



Top: Samford alumna Katherine Wolf spoke at an event sponsored by Samford Body Positive.
Above: The You're Not Alone logo.
Far left and immediate left: Students participate in Samford Gives Back day.

Academics



Students Studying in Davis Library, 1960, Special Collection and University Archives

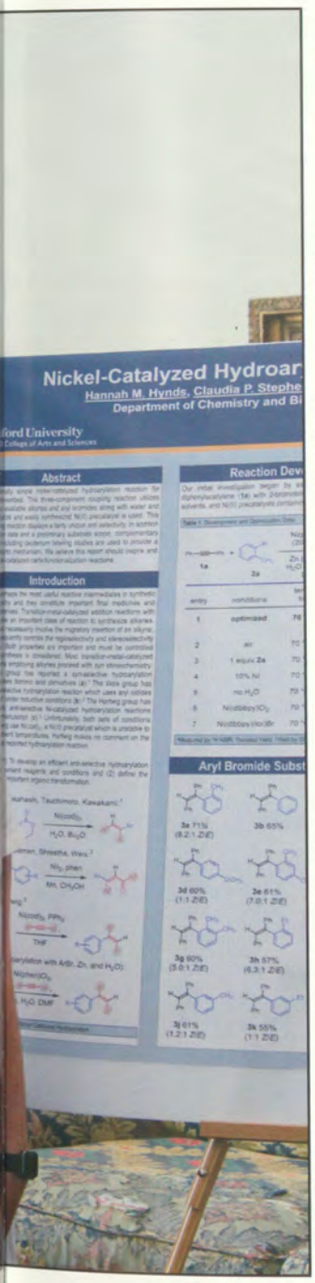
Right: In April, several students in the Howard College of Arts and Sciences presented their research at the Howard College Research Fair in the Davis Library.
Below: Howard College students engaged in a group activity during a lecture presented by Dr. Chuck Stokes.

Above: Students and faculty members listened to an intimate lecture from Dr. Rosalind Picard. Dr. Picard came to Samford in October to speak about her research on artificial intelligence and human emotion.

Howard College

Furthering Education through the Arts and Sciences

Author: Morgan Johnson
Photographs: Courtesy of Howard College of Arts and Sciences



The 2018-2019 school year was a year of transition for the Howard College of Arts and Sciences (HCAS). Due to the expansion across Samford's campus, many departments within the college were displaced and moved to another area of campus.

Although a challenge to adapt to new environments, the transition brought most of the departments in HCAS together on one side of campus. Thus, the transition encouraged a larger sense of community within the college.

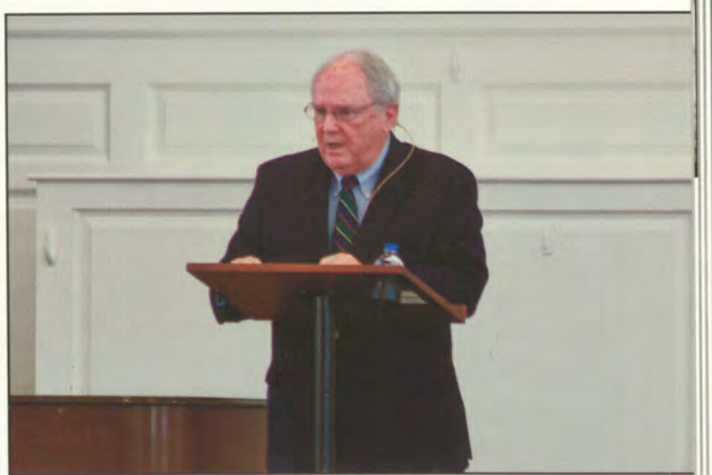
Along with moving, Samford's HCAS grew in many other areas, including a record number of new faculty members. In addition, the college hosted another Davis Lecture Series that featured computer science pioneer, Rosalind Picard, and their second-annual Undergraduate Research Fair, which was hosted by students in the John Howard Scholars program.

Although Dr. Emily A. Hynds, an associate professor and the Associate Dean of HCAS, is proud of the college's advancements, she continues to stay focused on the overall vision for HCAS.

"With increasing numbers of students and faculty doing and sharing their research, we are raising the level of what we have to offer our students. As we grow and change, we remain student-focused, and we continue to be at the heart of what Samford is doing as a whole," Dr. Hynds said.

In addition to their many advancements, it is clear that the students of HCAS appreciate the student-focused environment that the college's learning environment continued to provide in the midst of the year's transitions.

"I have gained and sharpened skills that will help me in my future. The College of Arts and Sciences upholds the mission of Samford in growing students in intellect, creativity, faith, and personhood," said senior Anna Drake Stephens. "I am leaving the College of Arts and Sciences not only as a better student but also as a better person."



Above: The Samford University Department of Religion hosted Fisher Humphreys, a previous Beeson Divinity School professor, for their annual Holley-Hull Lecture in October 2018.
Left: Students enjoyed a lecture presented by Dr. Chuck Stokes, who is an associate professor of sociology at Samford.

Above: A students uses the School of Art's equipment to work on a project.

School of the Arts

Developing an Artistic Community

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University

Samford University's School of the Arts prepares today's artists to shape tomorrow's world by inspiring artistry, promoting scholarship, and realizing professionalism as they serve the community in the spirit of Christ. The School of the Arts offers degrees in the fields of art and design, theatre and dance, music, and ministry.

"I love my classes and the community in the School of the Arts," said junior Taylor Runyan. "I can't imagine being in any other department."

This year brought many opportunities for students in the School of the Arts to show off their talents including multiple art shows, dance performances, plays, and ensemble performances.

"It's my passion. I absolutely love performing and dancing for people," said junior Sammy Solberg. "One of the biggest reasons I enjoy being in the School of the Arts is because the professors are there to push you to limits you didn't know existed, both on and off the stage. I'm so thankful for this environment I get to learn in."

Additionally, The School of the Arts allowed students to learn about the arts while developing a strong community with everyone around them.

"The School of the Arts is a nice little community of people. We're all one big family," said sophomore Hayley Earle. "It's a nice place, even for minors, to have a sense of community."

Additionally, junior Amelia Cole shared her love for the community she has formed within the School of the Arts.

"The School of the Arts has been a really important part of my life at Samford and my life after Samford. The people in this department are like family," said Cole. "It's brought be friends, joy, and my future husband."

From the education it provides to its match-making skills, the School of the Arts is a wonderful home for many students at Samford who have a passion for the arts.

Below left: Students hone a variety of artistic skills in the School of the Arts, including their musical talents.

Above: School of Arts students seek out some shade at Ben Brown Plaza.
Left: Students participate in a theatre production.

Brock School of Business

The Next Generation of Business Leaders

Author: Lauren Engle
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University and Jacob Hales

The Brock School of Business (BSOB) had another successful year of nurturing business students in their efforts to become leaders in the business world after graduation. As part of Samford University, BSOB continued to affirm the mission of Samford as they taught their students according to the Christian principles that drive the University.

With the University's Christian principles in mind, BSOB provides students with more high-quality, ethical business perspectives. As students become familiar with the multiple perspectives and majors offered within the BSOB, they are encouraged to declare their major in an area in which they see potential for their leadership skills to flourish.

At the beginning of each school year, BSOB provides sophomore students with the opportunity to publicly declare their major at the annual Rite of Passage event and commit themselves to upholding the ethical standards of the school throughout their business career. On Sept. 14, approximately 140 students participated in BSOB's 2018 Rite of Passage celebration. During the ceremony, each student signed the BSOB ledger, therefore pledging their commitment to upholding the school's core values in all of their endeavors.

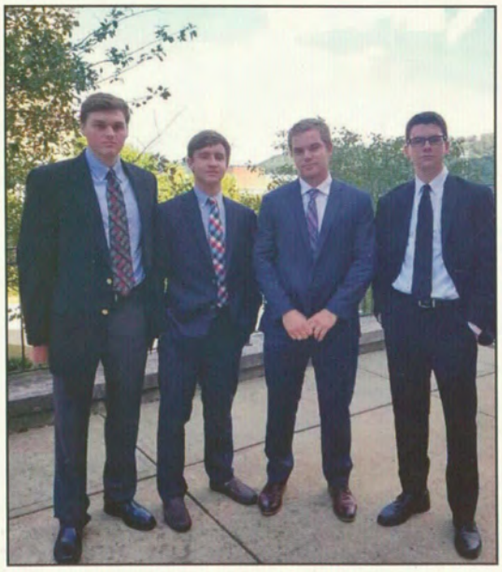
"It was really special to be a part of such a long-standing tradition," said junior Rachel Henry. "It's such an honor to celebrate all that Samford and the BSOB invest in their students as well as being able to look to the future."

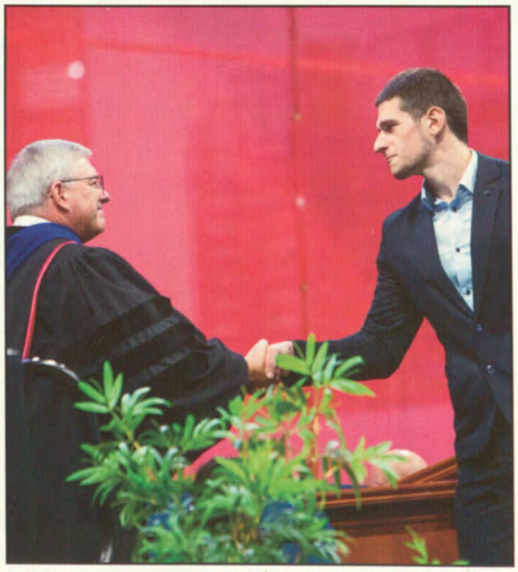
The event took place in the Thomas E. and Marla H. Corts Arena inside the Pete Hanna Center. During the ceremony, three speakers revealed the significance of the event for all generations. First, G. Michael Escoe, a BSOB alumnus, spoke about the past legacy of the school. Then, Mollie Master, a 2019 BSOB graduate, testified to the school's value in the present. Finally the BSOB Dean, Dr. Howard Finch, affirmed BSOB's shining future.

Following these three moving speeches, the soon-to-be BSOB students pledged their commitment to the school, shook Dean Finch's hand, and signed their names to the ledger.

"Being among my peers and walking across that stage to shake Dean Finch's hand was such a great experience and made me feel like I had truly made it," said Jacob Hales. "I hope this is a tradition that doesn't stop anytime soon."

During the 2019-2020 school year, BSOB plans to continue in its tradition of guiding the next generation of business leaders to success while encouraging them to pursue a career centered around the love of Christ.





Top: The 2018-2019 Brock Scholars.
Far left: Students from the Finance and Economics Women Student Group.
Left: Students pledge their commitment to upholding the school's core values at the Rite of Passage ceremony.
Above left and right: Students participate in the Rite of Passage ceremony.

Right: Students posed with their awards during an end of the year award ceremony.
Below: Students and faculty members attended a conference with the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine to present their research.

Above: Graduates of the Healthcare Administration program proudly stood alongside faculty members and the Dean of the School of Public Health, Dr. Keith Elder, after their graduation ceremony in May.
Right: Students from the Communication Sciences and Disorders Department held a service event for Capernaum, an organization that provides social events for adults who have special needs.

College of Health Sciences

Health Professions and Public Health

Author: Morgan Johnson
Photographs: Courtesy of Faculty Members of the School of Health Professions & the School of Public Health

With over 30 programs between four schools, the College of Health Sciences (CHS) has had a successful year. CHS houses the Ida Moffett School of Nursing, McWhorter School of Pharmacy, School of Public Health, and School of Health Professions.

Within the School of Health Professions, there are three different areas of undergraduate study: communication sciences and disorders, kinesiology, and physical therapy, which is a six-year program that offers students a fast track to receiving their Doctor of Physical Therapy with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science. Additionally, the Physician Assistant and Occupational Therapy Programs have started to take off, bringing a lot of graduate students to the school.

Aside from graduate programs taking off, the School of Health Professions has enjoyed offering service-learning programs and research opportunities for students.

The School of Public Health has also had an exciting year. Home to undergraduate programs in healthcare administration, nutrition and dietetics, healthcare informatics and management information, and public health, the school provided experiential simulation learning and internships that provided hands-on experience to prepare students for the real world. They were able to apply their learned skills in opportunities such as spring break community engagement trips and competing in the 2019 Statewide Global Health Case Competition.

"As a health science and public health double major, I am exposed to both research and response on the clinical side but also challenged to engage in social determinants of health that affect patients and communities," said junior Joyeuse Senga. "Through the mentorship of professors, I am excited to launch my career in global health because professors have allowed me to explore my areas of interest and incorporated health challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa into my day-to-day learning."

Much like Senga, other students in both the School of Health Professions and the School of Public Health feel more than equipped to pursue a career that aligns with their passions due to the support and guidance received from their professors.

Photos: From pinning ceremonies to clinicals, the students of the Ida Moffett School of Nursing go through all the traditional steps as they prepare to become nurses.

College of Health Sciences

Ida Moffett School of Nursing

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Ida Moffett School of Nursing

The Ida Moffett School of Nursing has long been known for its high-quality students that are sought after as full-time nurses after graduation. In order to produce such excellent nurses, the School of Nursing provides students with exceptional education by employing experienced nurses, hands-on experience, and a supportive learning environment.

Known for its tough curriculum, Samford's Ida Moffett School of Nursing ensures that students know the material like the back of their hand. Thus, nursing students typically labor over studying for exams, which ultimately prepares them for work in the field.

As they build a foundation of knowledge, nursing students are sent out into the field for hands-on experience during their preceptorships. During their preceptorships, nursing students are provided with the opportunity to work in a hospital alongside professionals to apply their knowledge in a real-life setting before being set free after graduation.

Between the challenging tests to the stress of working in a hospital, nursing students find support within their cohorts. Divided by year, students go through their classes and preceptorships with the cohort during the entirety of their career as undergraduate nursing students. As a result, students form trustworthy bonds amongst each other, which provides them with a place to seek support while studying, working through a preceptorship, or struggling in any other area of life.

Due to the cohort environment, the Ida Moffett School of Nursing is a very close-knit community. At the end of the day, these close-knit cohorts would not trade their experience as nursing students because they are dedicated to helping individuals on a day-to-day basis and look forward to doing so after graduation from the Ida Moffett School of Nursing.

College of Health Sciences

McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Renee M. DeHart, McWhorter School of Pharmacy

Since 1927, the McWhorter School of Pharmacy has dedicated itself to preparing young men and women to become pharmacists who make a positive impact on the medical field by transforming lives.

"Our mission is to prepare students in a nurturing, Christian environment to be exemplary pharmacists and improve health worldwide through innovative pharmacy practice, scholarship, and service," according to the McWhorter School of Pharmacy's website.

As the No. 2 private school of pharmacy in the South, the McWhorter School of Pharmacy continually strives to provide its students with the best education while fostering an environment in which each individual student feels valued.

For undergraduate students in the pre-pharmacy fast-track, the high standards of the graduate school are percolated into the undergraduate experience. Students in the pre-pharmacy curriculum are provided with the opportunity to earn their undergraduate degree and their Doctor of Pharmacy in just six years compared to the traditional eight years. Due to the fast-tracking of the program, pre-pharmacy students experience a demanding curriculum that requires constant dedication and passion from each one of them.

By the end of their pre-pharmacy curriculum, students transition into the McWhorter School of Pharmacy as a candidate for their Doctorate of Pharmacy. From there, the school continues to prepare the students for a lifelong journey of positively impacting patients by using the knowledge they have gained while in the McWhorter School of Pharmacy.

Photos: From participating in Samford Gives Back to enjoying fellowship with one another at a bowling alley, the students in the prepharmacy fast track spent a wealth of time together even when not in class or studying.

Orlean Beeson School of Education

Teaching the Future

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Orlean Beeson School of Education

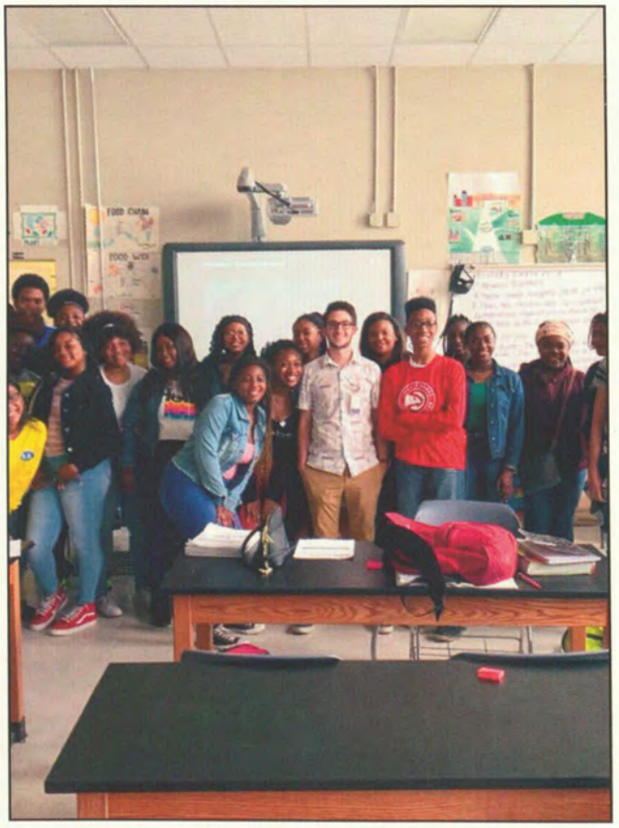
Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, the Olean Beeson School of Education continued its high academic standard. Offering a variety of different bachelor's programs, the school provided undergraduate students with the opportunity to focus their studies on a specific educational subject, including Human Development and Family Science (HDFE), Early Childhood, Special Education, Elementary, Elementary Collaborative (ESEC), Elementary Education with a Concentration in Christian Education and Missions, and Secondary Education.

No matter their program of focus, the undergraduates were challenged in their academic pursuits by the Olean Beeson School of Education. Through a tough curriculum, students honed their skills as they became one step closer to receiving their degree to teach. In addition to the rigorous coursework, this year presented many of the undergraduate students with the opportunity to gain practical experience. These students gained hands-on teaching experience in a variety of different schools in the local Birmingham area.

In addition to the rigorous coursework and practical experience, the Orlean Beeson School of Education continued in their tradition of fostering a close-knit community. With a mission to empower its students to education, lead, and serve, the professors of the school created a supportive environment in which the students could develop their leadership skills and be confident in themselves as teachers. Thus, students that graduated from the school felt more than equipped to enter the real world, and students still working on their degree look forward to the years to come with their program.

Above: A student in the Orlean Beeson School of Education read a book to the elementary class she assisted with during the year.
Right: Students were able to participate in the Young Authors' Conference hosted by Samford University.

Left: Student teachers had the opportunity to create themed lesson plans that they implemented in their classrooms.
Below: Throughout the year, students in the Orlean Beeson School of Education learned from the school's well-qualified professors.



Above: Throughout their time in local classrooms, the student teacher assistants formed close bonds with their classes.

Study Abroad

Fall and Spring Semester

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographer: Katie Roth

Most undergraduate students arrive at Samford with some form of plan, including what classes they want to take, what organizations they are going to be involved in, and what they want to do after they graduate. Many students, especially those studying foreign languages, dream of spending at least some time abroad, whether for Jan Term, a summer class, or an entire semester.

Each year, Samford University hosts more than 50 study abroad options with about 280 total students partaking in the opportunities offered by the University. While Jan Term and summer abroad programs are the most popular, some courageous students take an entire semester's worth of classes in a new country to fully immerse themselves in the culture of their temporary home.

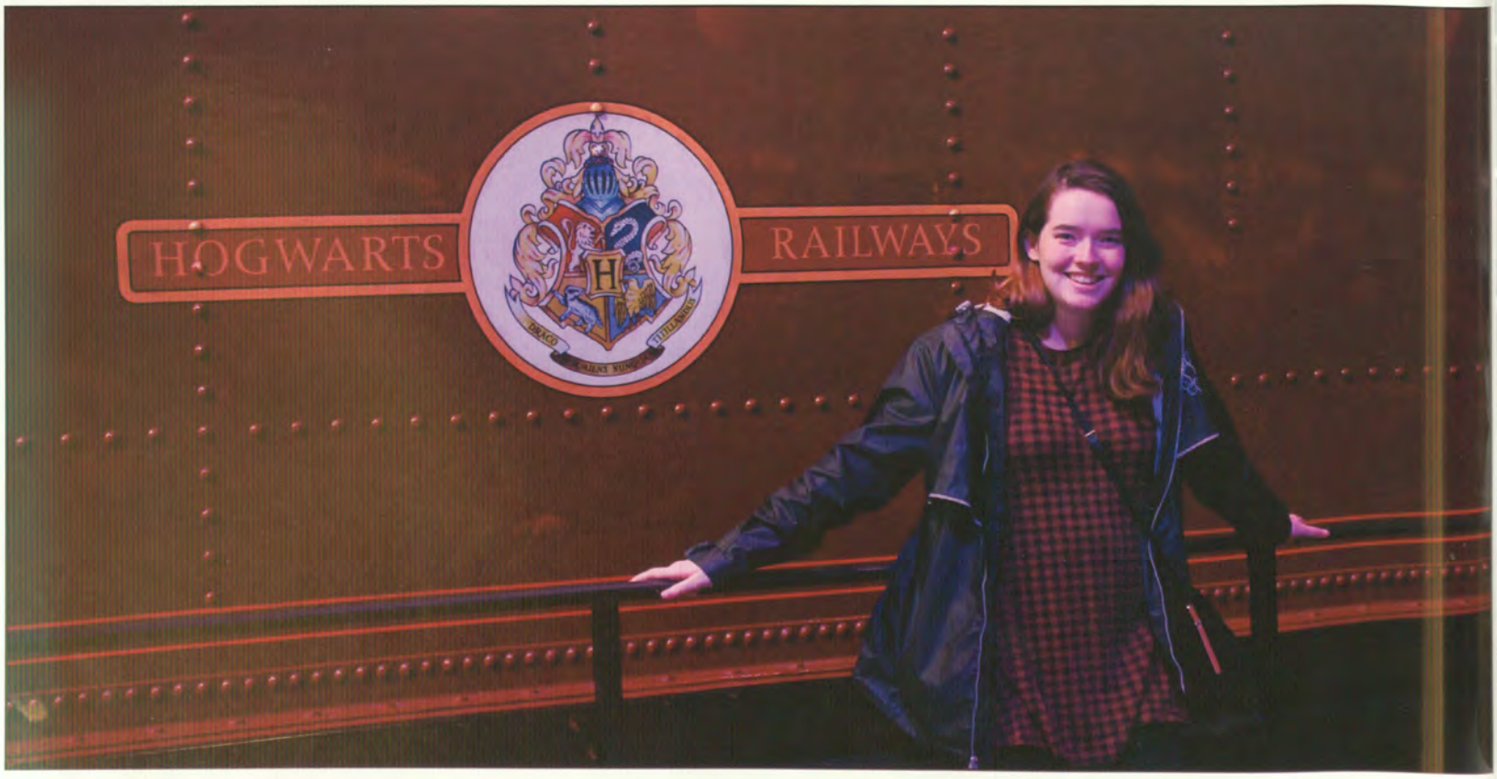
"I had the pleasure of spending last semester abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina and Santiago, Chile. These 18 weeks were some of the best of my life and taught me more than I could have imagined," said junior Hannah Saunders. "By leaving all that I knew and planting myself in a new place with an entirely new people and language, I gained self-confidence, independence, and language skills. I learned how to better appreciate culture and humbly reside in one that is not my own. Life is so much more than just the United States of America, and I am thankful I got to experience a bit of it."

After discussing her widened perspective on life, Saunders felt it was vital as an international relations major to shed light on the need for international diplomacy that her semester abroad brought to her attention.

For most students involved in study abroad, the experience will continue to impact their college career and beyond even years after they have returned to the United States.

"I went with the most amazing group of Samford students and professors, and I have a special bond with all of them," said senior Hannah Krebel, who studied abroad in 2017. "The internship I had helped me learn more about other cultures and forced me to see the world from a different perspective. It also challenged me to do things I had never done before, and it helped me figure out what I want to do for my future career."

Whether organized through Samford University or one of its partner affiliates, a study abroad experience is sure to help each student engage as a global citizen. While there are always a few hurdles, the vast majority of students who have studied abroad praise their experience for altering their world view and developing them into a stronger individual. From helping them to truly grasp the host language to teaching them how to be independent miles away from home, students are transformed into more well-rounded, independent adults upon their return home from their semester abroad. For that, students are forever thankful for the travel abroad opportunities offered at Samford.



Photos: From discovering London to traveling around Europe to beloved spots, such as Paris, the Palace of Versailles, and the White Cliffs of Dover, students who studied abroad during the fall or spring semester had the time of their lives learning, sightseeing, and exploring in foreign lands.

Right: Students in London spent their free time exploring the city, including the iconic Abbey Road.
Below: Tower Bridge was a popular spot to visit for the students during their time in London.
Bottom: Students who traveled to Israel explored the beautiful scenery during their trip.

London, UK

Rome, Italy

Study Abroad

January Term

Author: Julianne Smith
Photographers: Scott Fisk, Jayson Halliday, Emily Jackson, & Emily Small

During Jan Term 2019, Samford University offered 10 study abroad programs in seven different countries. Students were given the incredible opportunity to travel abroad with professors and experience the beauty, culture, and landmarks of the countries they were learning about in person.

Courses were offered in Italy, Indonesia, Israel, the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Ireland, and England. Students in Italy got to experience Rome through the history course "Eternal Rome," while a cross-cultural practicum was offered in Indonesia. Students in Israel had the incredible opportunity to explore the Biblical world, while other students engaged in medical missions in the Dominican Republic. Students in Costa Rica were able to study food, culture, and society or spend their time studying the language. This Jan Term, students were able to take Arts in Society in London or Dublin, which was only the second time Samford sent students to study abroad in Ireland. Two other courses were offered in London including Coffee Talk and Nursing in the British Isles.

"The structure of a class abroad, especially in Jan Term, involves much more leg work and interaction than on campus at Samford," said senior Chloe Smith, who studied in Italy. "We got to walk through the sites in Rome while we talked about them, and that's just not something you can do at home. It makes the history feel so much more real."

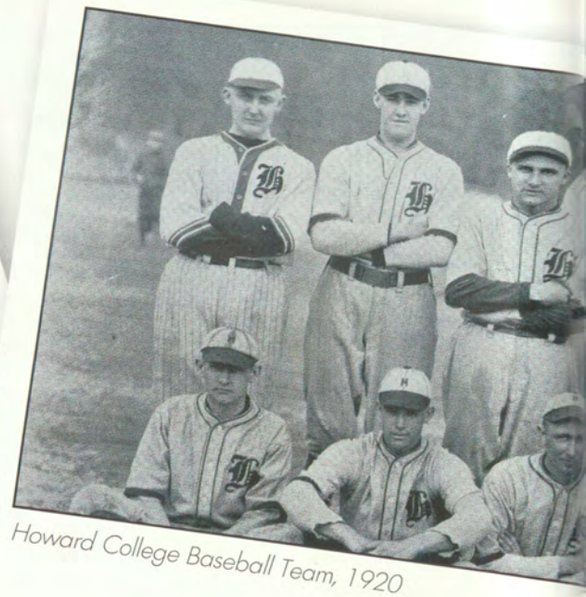
Fitting a three or four credit course into two weeks was a challenge, but the students hold the cultural immersion near and dear to their hearts even after their return to Samford's campus.

"My favorite part of studying in Ireland was truly immersing myself in the culture. While two weeks may not seem like a long time, it was long enough to get used to the culture and start to feel comfortable in it," said senior Elixa Graham, who studied in Ireland. "The experiences are worth every second. Getting to live abroad for a mere two weeks gave me more experiences than I could have imagined."

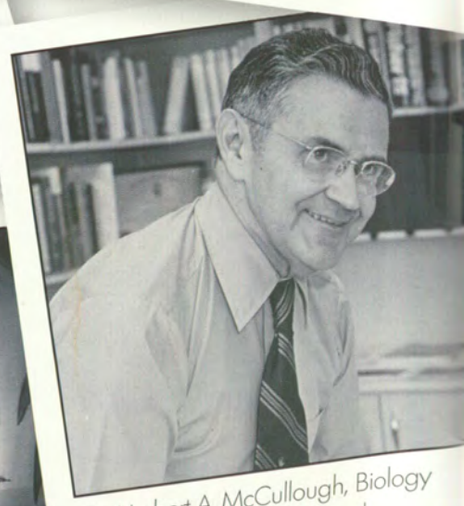
Dublin, Ireland

Aqueducts in Italy

Women's Pageant Contestants, 1947

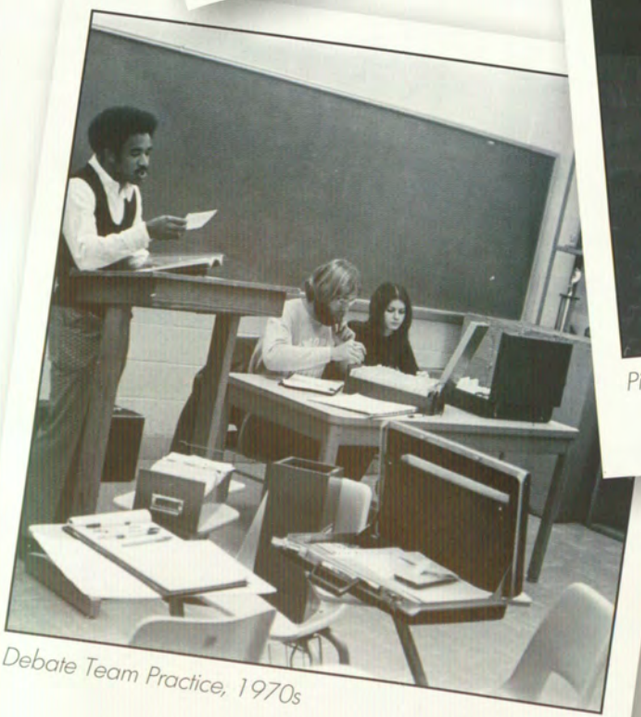


Howard College Baseball Team, 1920



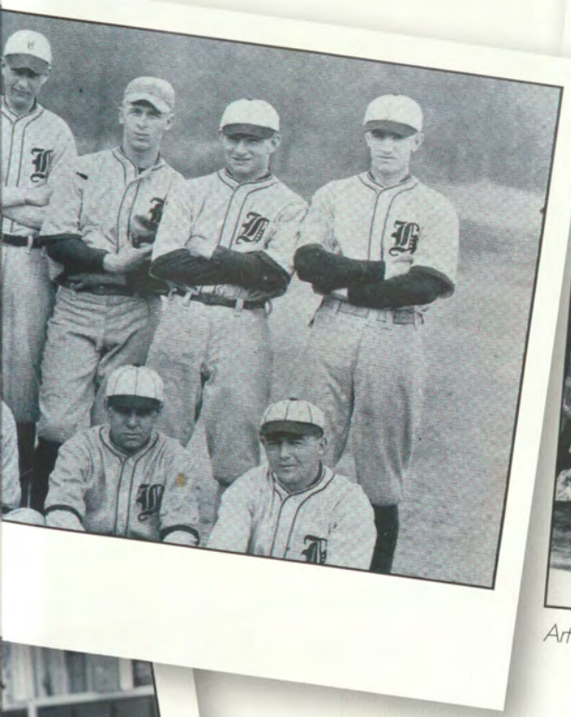
Dr. Herbert A. McCullough, Biology Department Head, Undated

Pi Kappa Phi Performing in Step Sing, 1974



Debate Team Practice, 1970s

A Capella Choir Trip to Europe, 1965



Art Gallery Display on the Lawn, 1963

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Past

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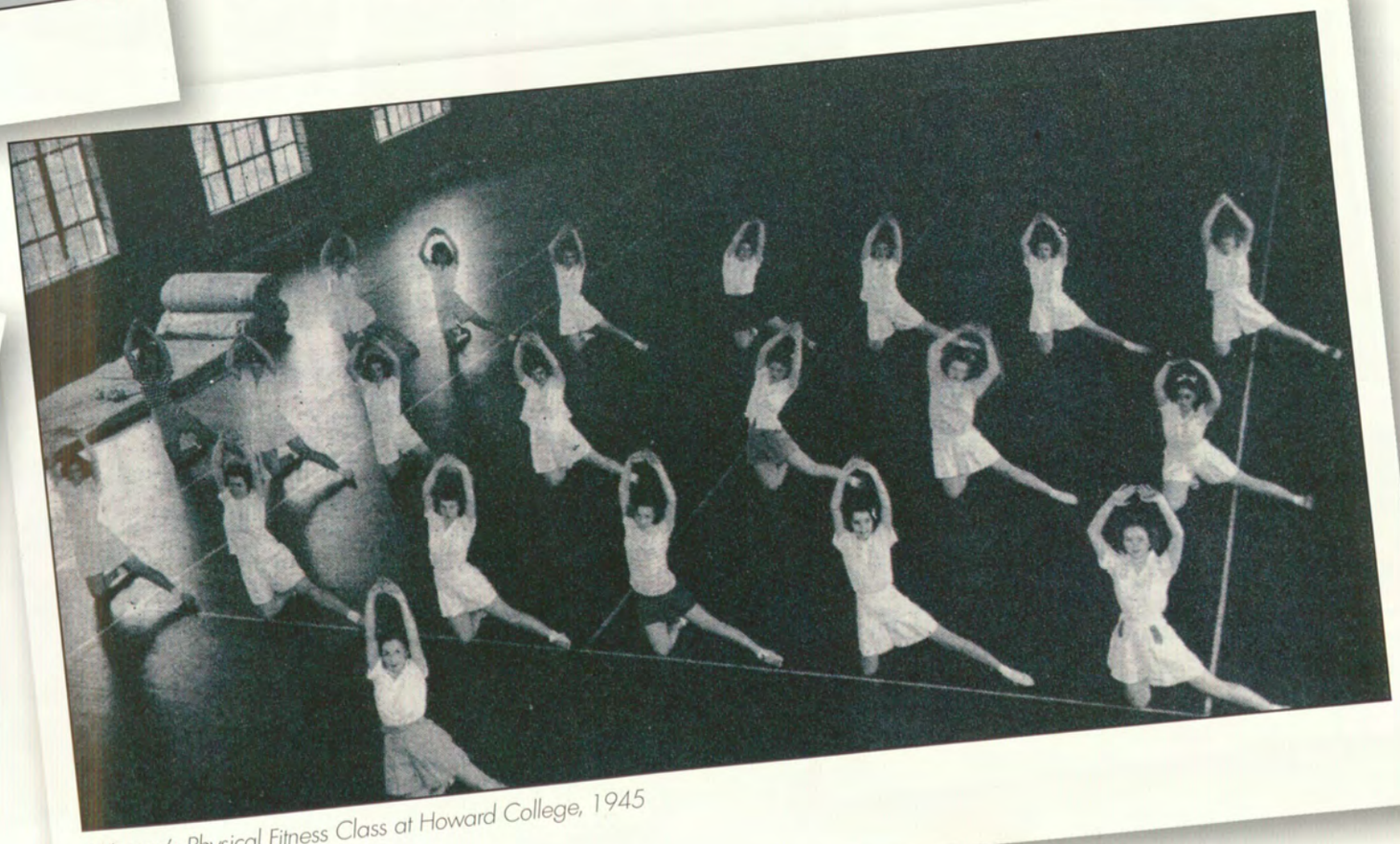

Women's Physical Fitness Class at Howard College, 1945

Students getting a bird's-eye view during Summer Send-Off

Trivia Night in the Caf during Welcome Back Week

Students at Dr. Andrew Westmoreland's house during Connections

National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society Sigma Delta Pi

Global Missions Scholars

Howard College of Arts and Sciences' second annual Undergraduate Research Fair

Freshman Ladies in Step Sing

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Football team vs. W. Carolina University

Micah Fellows

Aiding the Community through Service

Author: Morgan Johnson
Photograph: Courtesy of Katie Roth

The 2018-2019 school year marked the third year on campus for Micah Fellows, Samford's newest branch of the University Fellows Program. As a four-year service-oriented program, students involved in the Micah community embark on their Samford journey rooted in the values of Michah 6:8: justice, mercy, and humility.

Students involved enjoy the program because it provides them with the opportunity to learn about the program's values in cadre settings but apply them in real circumstances. Throughout the curriculum, students engage in internship with non-profits in the Birmingham area and travel to Northern Ireland during the summer to carry out the program's values farther away from home.

Participating in the program allows students to create friendships and foster relationships that are based on a shared love for serving the Lord.

"Having such powerful shared experiences and being able to invest in one another's dedication to serving the Birmingham area develops a new level of friendship," said sophomore Micah Fellow Cambron Bice.

In addition to their work during their time at Samford, the program prepares Micah Fellows for life after Samford. The program's curriculum fosters community awareness that excites the Fellows to be citizens as they carry out the program's three virtues.

"While in the Micah Fellows program, I have not only learned about the philosophical understandings of justice, mercy, and humility but also how to practically serve others in our community," said senior Sierra Outerbridge

As Micah Fellows, Outerbridge and the rest of the students in the program are ready to take on a life of service after graduating from Samford University.

University Fellows

Where Intellect and Community Collide

Author: Joy Wilkoff
Photographer: Cassidy Goble

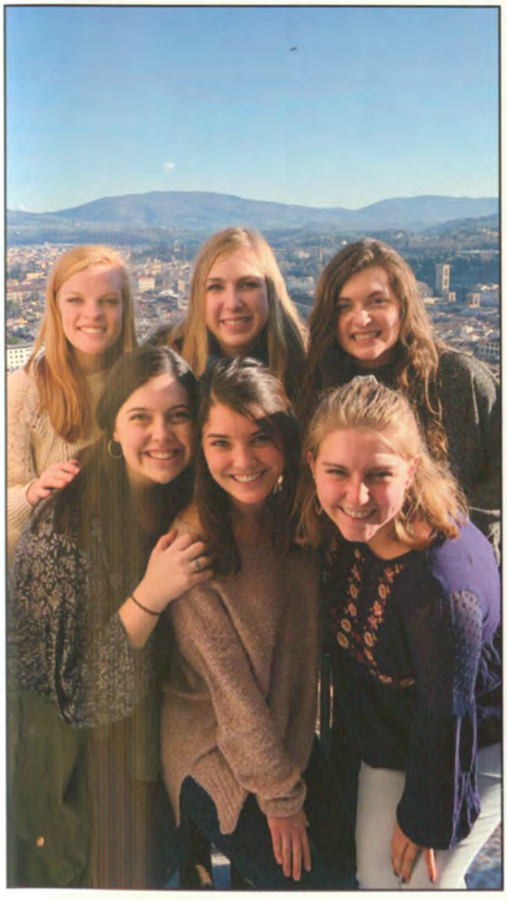
The Samford University Fellows program was created in 2008 to fulfill the need for a new type of honors program that fosters community. The program emphasizes the motto "The Mind. The Virtues. The World." Although diverse, the program was selective and accepted only 39 high school students for the 2018-2019 school year.

"Samford University Fellows is much more than a typical honors program," said junior Fellow Heath Padgett. "The program seeks to engage intellectually curious students from all disciplines in challenging but insightful dialogue about history's greatest thinkers from antiquity to modernity. University Fellows come from many different backgrounds and traditions, and the unique mix of students has fostered some of the best and most thought-provoking conversations in my academic career."

University Fellows participated in smaller, Socratic-style classes, which involved more discussion than typical settings. The older Fellows had the opportunity to serve as preceptors for these classes, such as Writing and Rhetoric and Virtues. As a part of the Western Intellectual Tradition course, the sophomore class traveled to Italy during Jan Term where they learned about ancient Roman history outside of the classroom.

"The Fellows program has given me more opportunities and friendships than I could have ever anticipated. I'll graduate with a critical understanding of the Great Books as well as a circle of friends who repeatedly demonstrated empathy and kindness to me," said senior Fellow Zoe Cruz. "I believe in the Fellows program because it's a community of genuine students and professors who care as much about the classroom as they do about their peers, and I am thankful for the program's impact on my life and look forward to sharing its achievements and mission with people for the rest of my life."

The unique experience offered by the University Fellows program provides intellectually curious students with an environment to thrive in and a strong support system for their years at Samford and beyond.



Photos: In true Fellows tradition, members of the sophomore class spent Jan Term exploring and learning in Italy.

Arts

Students Working in Howard's Modern Art Department, 1946, Special Collection and University Archives

Theatre Productions

Showcasing Samford's Theatrical Talent

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University

Under the School of the Arts, the Theatre and Dance Department puts on a variety of different performances during each academic year. This year, the department continued in tradition with *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Hedda Gabler, A Grand Night for Singing, Peter and the Starcatcher,* and *Freaky Friday.*

In late September, the department kicked off their performance season with *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane.* Based on a book by Kate DiCamillo, the plays chronicle the story of Edward Tulane, a china toy rabbit that is accidentally thrown overboard during an ocean voyage. From there, Tulane learns a handful of invaluable lessons that teaches the vain rabbit how to truly love others.

Following *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane, Hedda Gabler* graced the stage of Bolding Studio. The classic story by Henrik Ibsen is a dramatic tale of passion and desperation that showcases Hedda Gabler trapped in an unbearable world. Dark and brutally honest, the story chronicles the consequences of Gabler's attempts to manipulate the fates of those around her, which ultimately leads her to the point of utmost desperation.

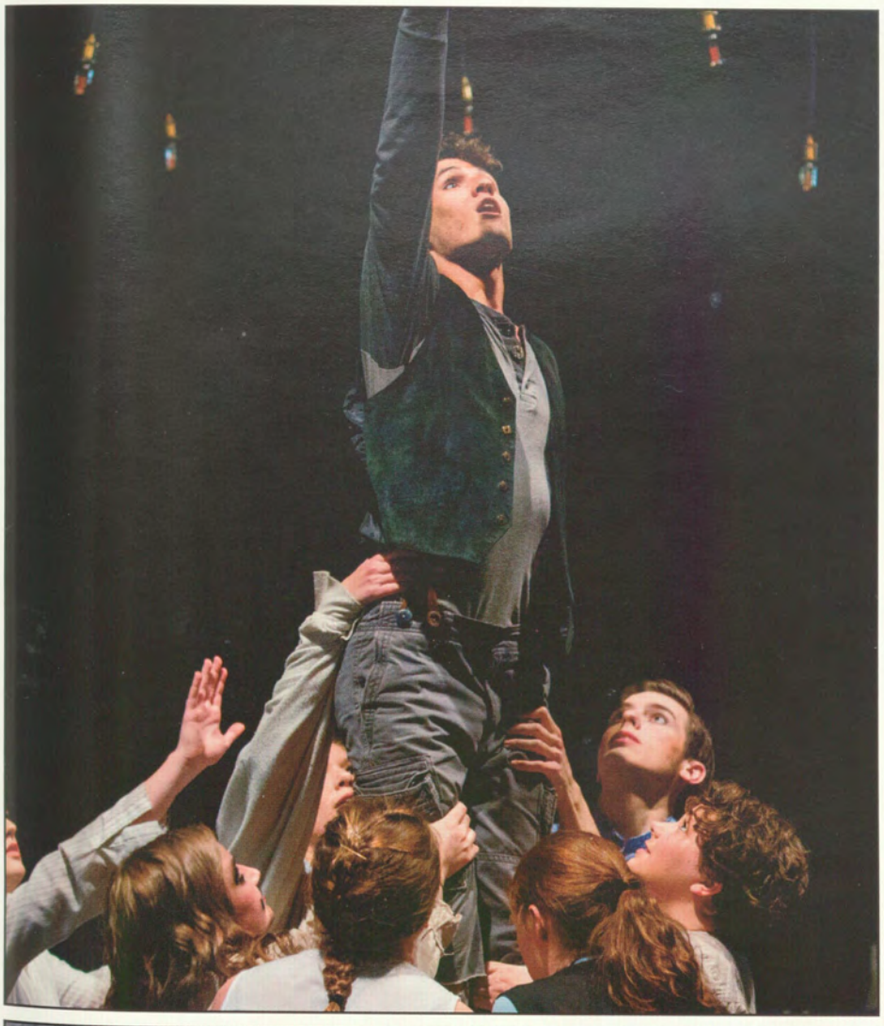
In January, *A Grand Night for Singing* paid tribute to Broadway legends Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II. The performance showcased the writing duo's timeless music with modern-day twists.

During the middle of the spring semester, *Peter and the Starcatcher* reminded Samford's community of childlike bliss. The play celebrates the playful imagination of children while touching on the importance of finding one's identity even when home seems unattainable.

To close off the year, the department performed a childhood favorite for many of the students at Samford. The musical adaptation of Mary Rodgers's book *Freaky Friday* was a crowd pleaser that brought the joys of watching Disney's movie adaptation to the stage.

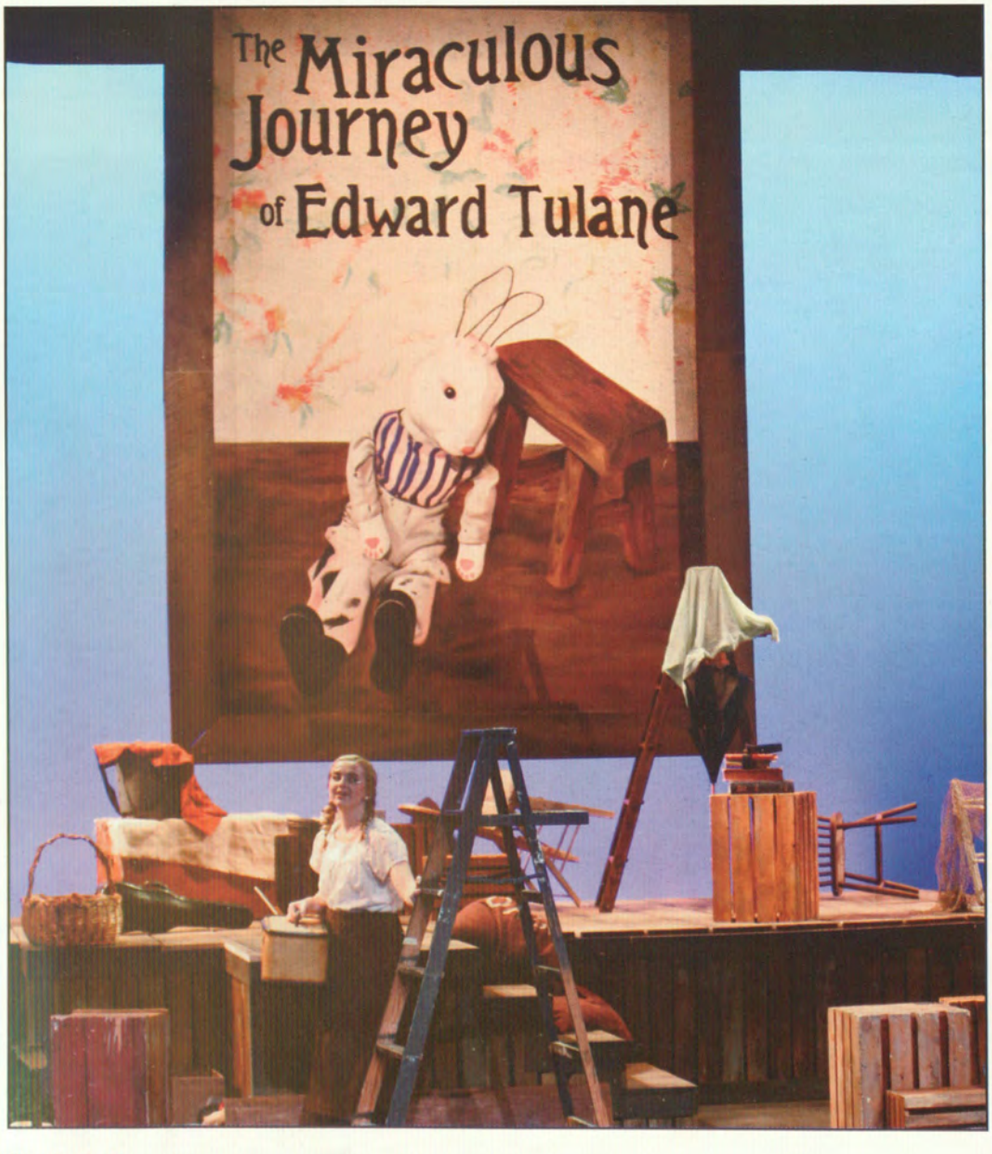
After a year of diverse plotlines performed on stage, Samford's Theatre and Dance Department hopes to bring as many emotions to the audience members during the 2019-2020 academic school year.

Peter and the Starcatcher



Left: *Peter and the Starcatcher*
Below: *Hedda Gabler*

Right: *A Grand Night for Singing*
Below: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*



Left: *Freaky Friday*
Below: *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Immediate and far right: Opera Workshop
Below and below left: The Ghosts of Gatsby

Samford Opera

Crescendoing to the Top

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University

During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Samford Opera featured two different productions. With each performance, the students in the program once again impressed the Samford community with their high skill level.

In November, the opera had a unique opportunity to perform *The Ghosts of Gatsby*. Commissioned by Samford, the opera provided students with a chance to be a part of a production that will forever have Samford's name attached to it.

Although a relatively small production, the students in the opera enjoyed performing the unique story inspired by *The Great Gatsby*. Featuring only four roles, the story provided the performers ample time to showcase the hard work that went into the production. Thus, audience members enjoyed the high caliber performance of a story that chronicles the madness of the marriage between F. Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda. With Fitzgerald entranced by his work writing *The Great Gatsby* and jealous of his wife's recent affair, Zelda experiences a ghost-like encounter with visions of both her younger and older selves.

After completing the production of *The Ghosts of Gatsby*, the opera began preparing for their spring performance, the Opera Workshop. Held in Bolding Studio, the workshop provided audience members with a more intimate experience than the larger-scaled production of *The Ghosts of Gatsby*. From directing scenes to showcasing their talent as opera performers, students who were part of the workshop presented the audience with a compilation of their very best work after a year of honing their skills in the program.

From the Samford-commissioned opera to the student-forward Opera Workshop, audience members were continually impressed with the talent found in the program. With the success of the past academic year, the Samford Opera looks forward to the next season of productions and encourages the Samford community to support the work of its talented students who pour their heart and souls into the opera productions.

Students in London during Jan Term

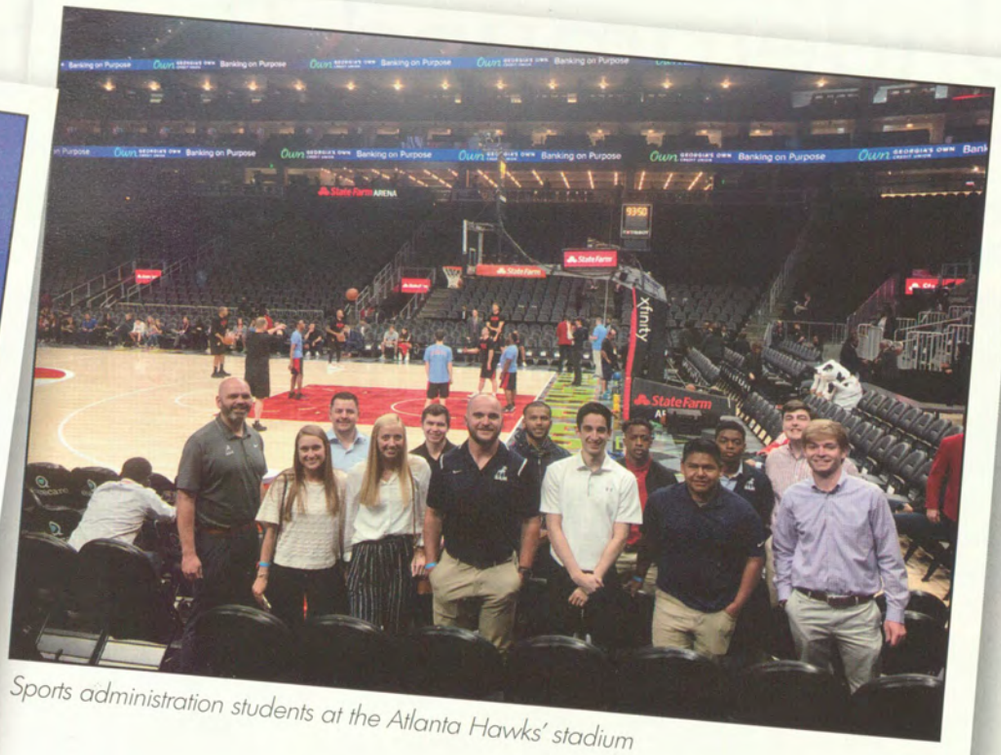
Alpha Omicron Pi in Step Sing

Women's tennis

Men's tennis

Members of the marching band

Samford Gives Back



Sports administration students at the Atlanta Hawks' stadium

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Connections Weekend.

Underground Theatre

Student-Led Productions

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of the Underground Theatre Committee

Within the Theatre Department, the Underground Theatre Committee puts on a variety of productions each year. During the 2018-2019 school year, the committee put on five different shows. During the fall semester, the committee showcased *The Wolves*, *Eurydice*, and *The Bridge of Magpies*. In the spring, the committee continued their dedication to Underground productions and performed *26 Pebbles* and *Fiction*.

Directed by Madison Merkel, the Underground Theater Committee showcased their rendition of the Off-Broadway play *The Wolves*. In a story of adolescence, humor, and triumph, the play followed the happenings of a young girls' soccer team as they go from gossiping during their stretching routine to overcoming tragedy to avoid forfeiting.

A story of Greek mythology, Abby-Shelton Story directed Sarah Ruhl's *Eurydice*. The play retells the Greek myth of Orpheus from the perspective of his wife, Eurydice. With a variety of different changes to the traditional myth, Samford's production of Eurydice followed Ruhl's rendition of the story, which made for a surprising experience for those in the crowd that were familiar with the traditional story of Orpheus.

To conclude the fall season, the Underground Theatre Committee performed a piece written by one of Samford's own. Written by Bobby Skelton and directed by Xanathia McCaul, *The Bridge of Magpies* was a production fully put on by Samford students, and it showcased the wide range of talent found within the University's Theatre Department.

The spring semester started off strong with *26 Pebbles*. Katie Beasley directed the production written by Eric Ulloa that covers the tragic story of the shooting in Newtown at Sandy Hook Elementary School and explores the consequences of gun violence.

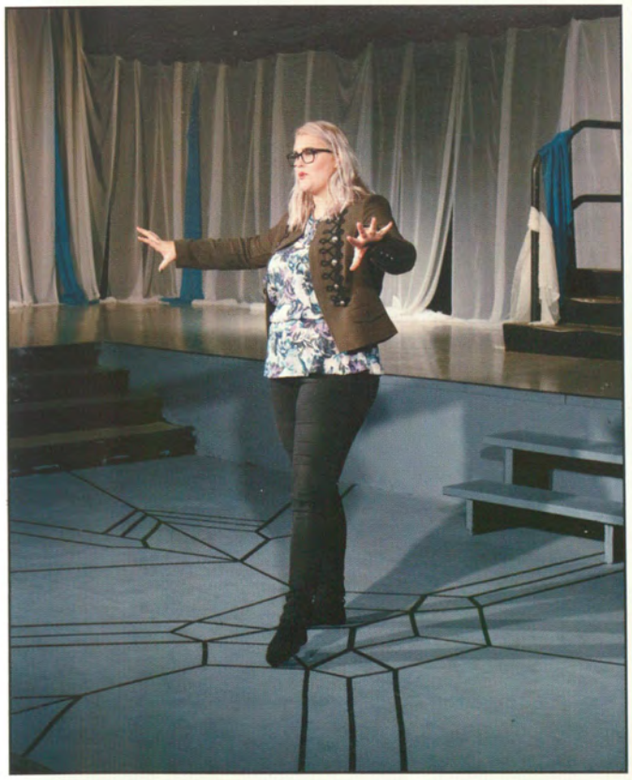
To end the 2018-2019 Underground season, the committee performed *Fiction*. Directed by Emily Wilson, *Fiction* explores the brokenness of tattered love as a married couple unwinds due to the surfacing of a love triangle.

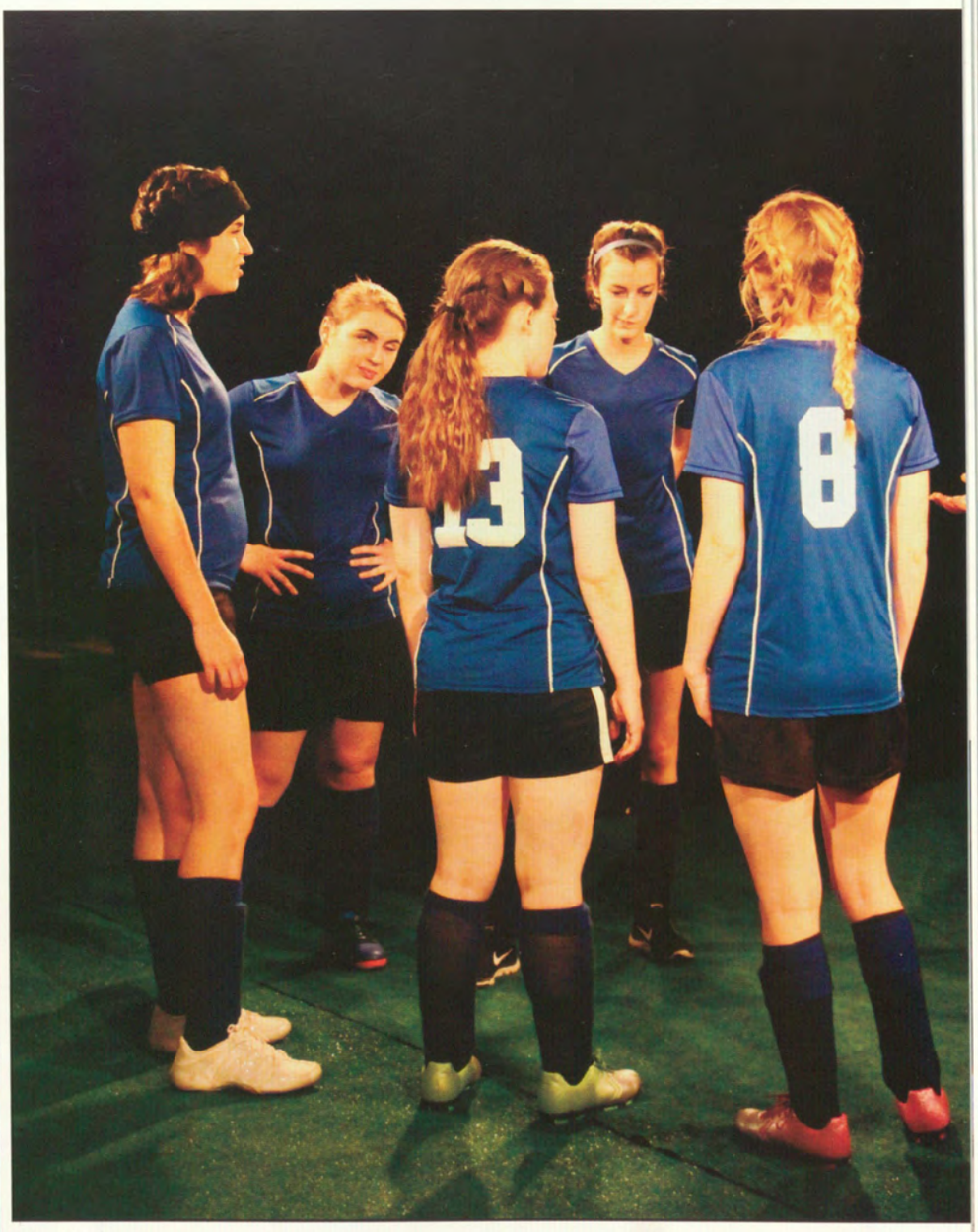
From Greek mythology to dramatic love triangles, Samford's Underground Theatre Committee once again showcased the talent of the Theatre Department. With all of their plays directed by student directors, the students of the committee proved that they can not only act but direct a variety of different genres, which will prove beneficial as they pursue careers after graduation.

The Wolves

Eurydice

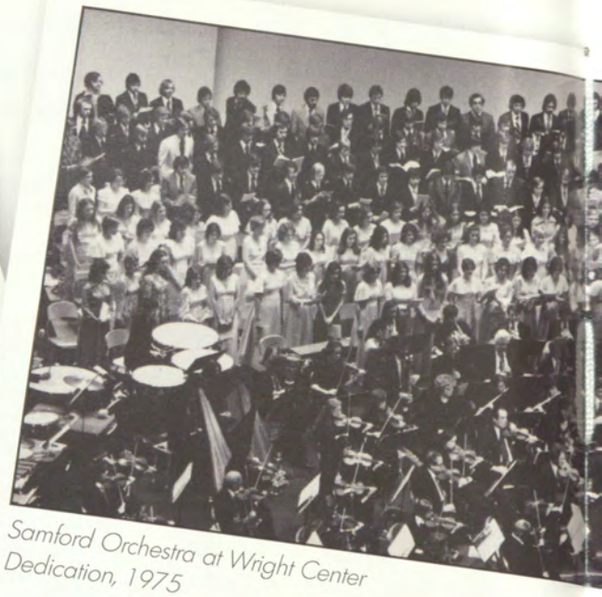
Eurydice





The Wolves

Samford Majorettes Cheer on the Football Team, 1972



Samford Orchestra at Wright Center Dedication, 1975

Howard College Sorority Girls, 1930

Howard Dramatic Club, 1914-1915

Sorority Rush, 1978

Art Department Moving into the Fine Arts Center, 1975

Graduation Award Winners, 1969

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Religious Activities Council, 1973

University Chorale

Spreading Music Across Campus

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photograph: Courtesy of Samford University

The Samford University Chorale is one of the multiple vocal ensembles that fall under the Division of Music in the School of the Arts. Despite this, membership is open to students from all across campus, which creates a diverse group that works hard to make the chorale unified in everything they do together.

Lead by Dr. Sharon Lawhon, the chorale met on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays during the 2018-2019 academic year. As one of the few vocal ensembles that did not require auditions, the group started out with a wide range of talent. As a result, the year was filled with many students working together to help each other hone their skills during each practice.

In addition to improving their general skills, each practice served to perfect the chorale's performance pieces. Performing a cross-section of quality literature, the chorale was prepared to play alongside other ensembles at major concerts and university events throughout the school year, such as Christmas with Samford Arts.

After a year of hard practice and successful performances, the University Chorale looks forward to the 2019-2020 school year, during which they hope to see new members join and continue to improve by constant dedication to perfecting their craft.

Above: Samford's University Chorale performed at Christmas with Samford Arts, a newly added Christmas celebration.

Below: The Samford A Capella Choir enjoyed leading Choral Vespers in Hodges Chapel every month.

A Capella Choir

Impacting Samford through Music

Author: Julianne Smith
Photograph: Courtesy of Samford University

The internationally acclaimed Samford A Cappella Choir celebrated its 80th anniversary during the 2018-2019 academic year. Directed by Phillip Copeland, the a capella choir was made up of 36 students and played a large role in music and worship on Samford's campus.

Last summer, the choir traveled to Budapest to participate in the Laurea Mundi Budapest Choral Competition, where they received top honors and won first place in three categories.

During the school year, the choir had many performances on Samford's campus as well as in the Birmingham community. These performances included their fall and spring concerts, a Christmas concert with the School of the Arts, a performance with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, and multiple Choral Vespers, which is a service of evening prayer.

As a service that takes place on campus at the beginning of each month, the group's participation in the Vespers has become a special tradition for the choir. During these services, the a capella choir leads students in a special time of worship through song in Hodges Chapel.

With its international success and religious influence, the a capella choir has a special place in Samford's history and will continue to have a large impact on the Samford community through music and worship.

Above: The Samford Orchestra performed in Brock Recital Hall multiple times throughout the school year to showcase their hard work and talent.

Samford Orchestra

Orchestrating Community

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University

The Samford Orchestra had a busy year practicing and performing a wide range of work, including standard orchestral literature, operas, oratorios, concerti, and musical theatre pieces. The extensive time spent together during practices and performances fostered a close-knit community that members will cherish for a lifetime.

"Being in the orchestra is super fun! You get to meet so many people, some older others younger because it's a community orchestra," said sophomore violinist Emma Griffith. "You learn a lot from the people playing in the orchestra as well as all the awesome music we play!"

However, working together as an orchestra does not come easy, but practice makes perfect. Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, members of the 45-person orchestra practiced on Monday nights, Thursday afternoons, and spent hours on their own perfecting their instruments on a weekly basis.

As far as their performances, the Orchestra played music from a variety of different genres. From playing Egmont Overture and Beethoven at their concerts to performing in the pit for opera performances, the Orchestra gained varied musical experience this past school year.

"We play difficult music, but it's an encouraging group of musicians who love playing, putting on great concerts, and having a ton of fun along the way," said sophomore oboe player Madeline Sparks. "All in all, the orchestra is a wonderful relief from the stress and craziness of school."

Sparks and Griffith both encourage students to join the orchestra.

"The orchestra is a great community! I have been in orchestras that were intense and high stress but the Samford Orchestra is the complete opposite," Griffith said. "Everyone is there to have fun and enjoy playing the music, which makes practices a fun experience. I always look forward to Monday nights!"

If you are interested in joining the Samford orchestra for the 2019-2020 school year, auditions will be held in the fall. Please contact Dr. Brian Viliunas for more information.

Jazz Band

Improvising to Success

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographer: Ally Sorrells

The Samford University Jazz Band had another great year full of multiple performances. As a part of the Division of Music in the School of the Arts, students can become a member of the Jazz Band and receive class credit despite their major. Thus, the band was composed of members from all across campus creating a group of diverse individuals sharing a common passion for Jazz.

Although the band is open to students across campus, individuals interested in becoming a part of the ensemble are required to audition or receive a recommendation from the director, which makes for a very talented group of young musicians.

Passionate about their craft, the band put in hours of work to prepare for their performances. In addition to practicing on their own time, members of the Jazz Band came together every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in preparation for their recitals.

During the year, the band performed multiple different times on Samford's campus. All held in the Brock Recital Hall, the band played on Nov. 4, Dec. 4, and April 11. With concerts all throughout the school year, band members were attentive to perfecting their respective instruments in the midst of balancing all other aspects of their college experience.

Despite this balancing act, the band had another successful year of performing standard big band and small-combo literature from various jazz styles. As the 2019-2020 school year approaches, the band looks forward to more talented students growing in their knowledge of jazz.

Photos: The Jazz Band concluded their series of performances in early April in Brock Recital Hall.

Worship Arts Ensemble

Praising God Through the Arts

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University

During its second year, Samford University's Worship Arts Ensemble (WAE) experienced a year of growth as the program worked to establish itself as a major ensemble on campus. Developed under the Center for Worship and the Arts, WAE aims to create a unique worship experience by employing a variety of different art forms.

Due to the variety of art forms utilized by WAE, the group brings together individuals from all walks of life on Samford's campus that share a common passion for worshiping the Lord. During their worship services, WAE incorporates scripture, music, and the visual arts to encourage participation by the congregation.

"My favorite part of this year has been my participation in WAE," said junior Becca Davis. "As a music education major, I've been involved with different types of choral ensembles over the years. I love the closeness that a smaller ensemble provides. I've made such sweet friends across all different majors, and it's been wonderful growing in a community of people who also desire to offer their skills to the Lord in worship."

By the end of the school year, the members of WAE were thankful for the opportunity to have a positive impact on the growth of the new ensemble. The members realize the importance of such an ensemble that brings together a wide range of majors while encouraging Samford students to grow in their faith through worship. Thus, the ensemble members look forward to the years to come as they continue to grow the program and carry out the work of the Lord.

Photos: WAE performed in Reid Chapel for their spring concert in April.

Percussion Ensemble

A Cymbal of Samford's Talent

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photograph: Courtesy of Samford University

The percussion ensemble at Samford University is one of the many chamber ensembles under the Division of Music in the School of the Arts. As a chamber ensemble, the group was composed of a modest number of students that performed chamber music, which traditionally has one musician to a part.

Consisting of only percussion instruments, the ensemble was small but powerful. Some of the instruments in the 2018-2019 ensemble included drums, xylophones, and timpani. Students playing these percussion instruments were considered for membership based on their audition. As a result, the band was composed of individuals with previously developed skills that made for refined performances.

Despite having previous experience, members of the ensemble continued to develop their skills throughout the year by performing a wide range of works. Thus, the students gained experience with a variety of different genres, which only created a more diverse talent pool.

As the percussion ensemble prepares for the next school year, the current members and directors look forward to further adding to their talented group of students.

For those interested in auditioning, please contact Dr. Grant Dalton for more information.

Wind Ensemble

A Tradition of High Standards

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University

The 2018-2019 Samford Wind Ensemble was composed of a variety of different woodwind instruments, from saxophones to clarinets. As a prestigious ensemble that plays advanced literature, the ensemble required interested students to audition or receive consent from the instructor.

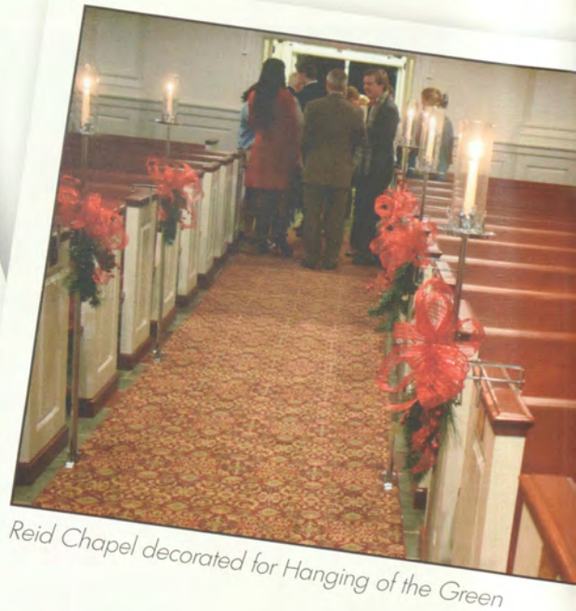
Despite the previously established knowledge of the ensemble members, hours of practice were required to perfect their pieces before performing in front of the Samford community.

Upon mastering their performance pieces, the wind ensemble held two different recitals for their fans during the 2018-2019 school year. Held in the traditional spot for ensemble performances on campus, Brock Recital Hall was filled with the group's beautiful music on Nov. 6 and March. 28.

In addition to their regular performances, the ensemble hosted a Woodwind Day in early December. The day provided individuals with the opportunity to learn from Samford's award-winning woodwind faculty. To kick off the morning, faculty members performed for the participants. From there, faculty provided expert tips for All-State auditions and intimate workshop sections for bassoon, clarinet, flute, oboe, and saxophone players.

With another successful year of performances behind them, the wind ensemble looks forward to embarking on the 2019-2020 school year with the high standards that have defined the program thus far. Students interested in auditioning should prepare two to three minutes of music that accurately represents their highest level of skill on their respective instrument.

SAC members with their overseer at Trivia Night during Welcome Back Week

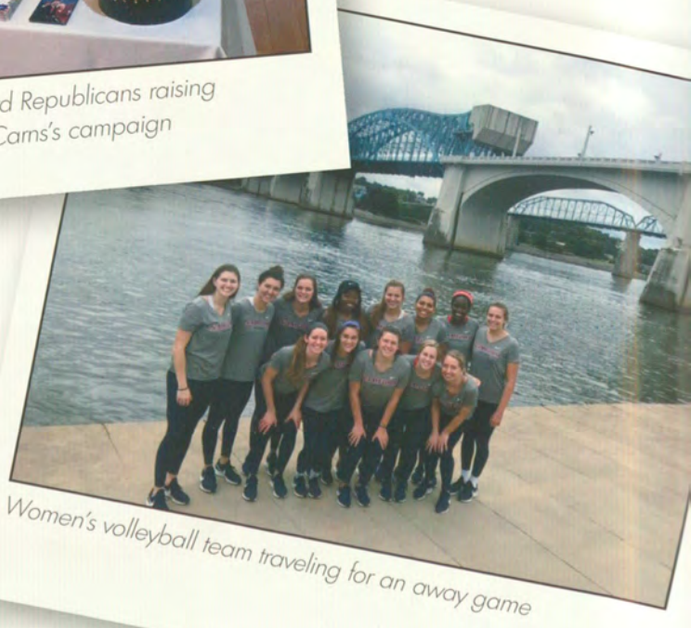


Reid Chapel decorated for Hanging of the Green

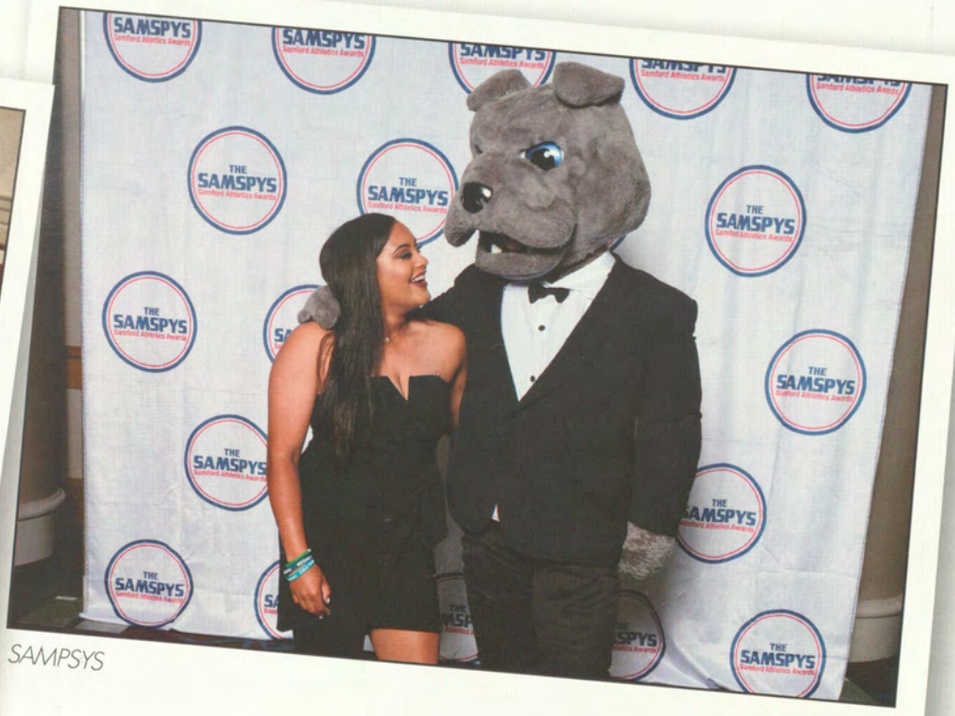
Samford Gives Back

Members of Samford Republicans raising awareness for Jim Cams's campaign

Brothers of Pi Kappa Phi



Women's volleyball team traveling for an away game



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Retrospection

Looking Back at the Year

Phi Mu in Step Sing

Students worshiping with Campus Outreach

Women's basketball team warming up

Samford Gives Back

Crimson staff members at the Southeast Journalism Conference

Alpha Tau Omicron in Step Sing

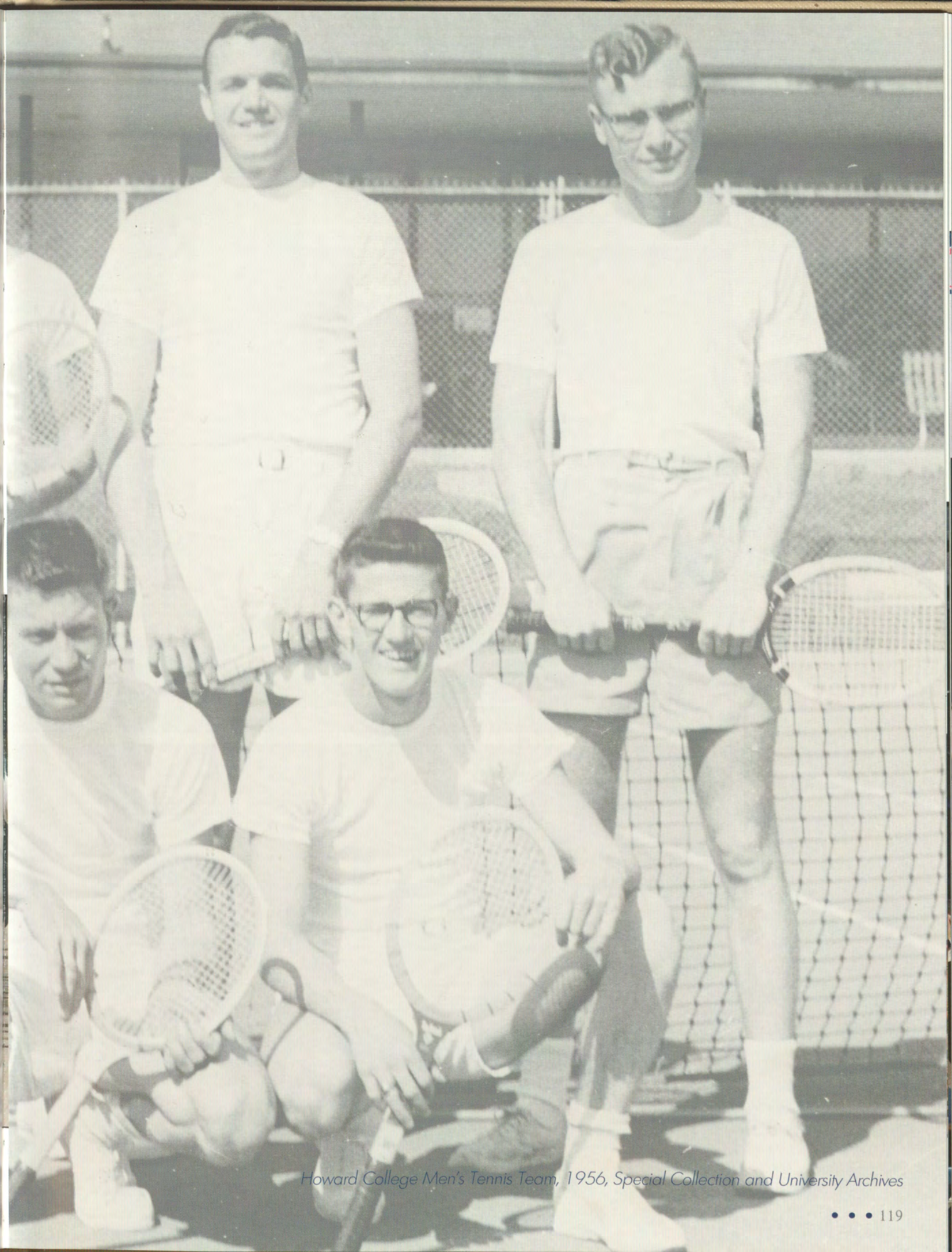
Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

Members of Sigma Chi on Bid Day

Global Missions Scholars

Members of Delta Omicron International Music Fraternity

Athletics



Howard College Men's Tennis Team, 1956, Special Collection and University Archives

Photos: In early October, the Bulldogs defeated one of their Southern Conference rivals, Western Carolina University, on their home turf 66-28.

FOR THE RECORD:
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

24-30 vs. Mercer
20-27 @ Chattanooga
66-28 vs. W. Carolina
73-22 vs. VMI
38-25 @ Furman
35-20 vs. Wofford
27-42 @ The Citadel
38-27 @ ETSU

Football

Making a Comeback

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

The 2018 football season was full of exciting highs and lows. Head coach Chris Hatcher, his staff, and 15 senior players led the way through a challenging schedule.

The Thursday night season opener on Aug. 30 was a great opportunity for students to kick off the school year and cheer on the Bulldogs as they defeated Shorter in a 66-9 blowout.

The following weekend, the Dogs made a road trip to Tallahassee to take on Florida State University. Samford shocked the world with their performance in the neck-to-neck game, which ended with the Bulldogs nearly pulling off a comeback.

"I'm very proud of the effort that our guys gave. We played extremely hard," Hatcher said during a post-game interview. "If we continue to play that hard every week, we'll be a force to be reckoned with in our conference."

Following their loss against the Noles, the Bulldogs lost the following three games, thus, losing eligibility for the playoffs. However, the team finished the season strong and ended up with a 6-5 overall record, defeating Western Carolina, VMI, Furman, Wofford, and ETSU in a well-played season finale. Samford's winning season is the eighth consecutive for the Bulldogs, making it the longest season-winning streak in the Southern Conference.

Aside from their winning season, the Bulldogs tackled many individual successes as well. In their 38-27 win against ETSU, senior quarterback Devlin Hodges broke the FCS passing record, claiming his spot as the all-time leading passer in FCS history with 14,584 career passing yards. Additionally, Hodges earned his third-straight SoCon Offensive Player of the Year Award. Other incredible performances this season came from wide receiver Kelvin McKnight, who had a total of 1,480 offensive yards, and Jordan Montgomery and Nick Barton, who both made two incredible interceptions.

The Bulldogs' 4-1 home record shows that the home-field advantage at Seibert Field had a great impact on the team's success. The fans' support during home games, from cheering them on to partaking in halftime activities, encouraged the Bulldogs to play their hardest even against tough opponents.

Cheer and Dance

The Bulldogs' Biggest Fans

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographs: Courtesy of Katie Roth & Samford University Athletics Department

Three cheers for the Bulldogs because the Samford Cheer and Dance teams soared to new heights this year. From welcoming nine newcomers on the cheer team to welcoming nine new members on the dance team, both programs expanded and thrived in the 2018-2019 season.

Under the direction of alumna Dixie Owens, the cheer team experienced some amazing opportunities, such as cheering at Samford's football game against Division I team Florida State University (FSU) in September, where the Bulldogs fell just 10 points shy of a victory over FSU.

"Those were two schools that I've known of my whole life, so getting the opportunity to cheer there was an unforgettable experience," said junior and Florida native Anna Jackson.

Away from the sidelines, the members of the cheer team supported each other by providing a wonderful community for the women to turn to during their college experience.

"The girls on the cheer team are loving and supporting of each and every person on the team," Jackson said.

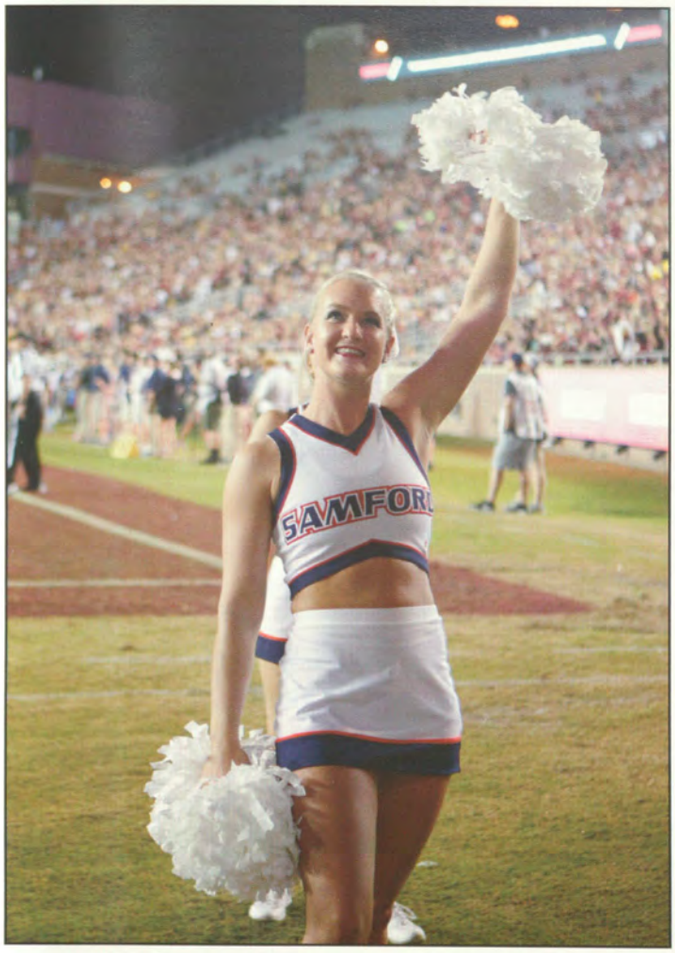
Under Coach Valerie Powell, the dance team flourished as well. Aside from their performances during home games, the team had the opportunity to travel to Chattanooga for a football game against rival University of Chattanooga. In addition to their regular performances, the dance team dressed up for themed basketball games. To prepare for their performances, the dance team spent hours practicing on a weekly basis to build upon their skills and bond as a team.

"Going to practice became a fun thing and less of a burden because I loved spending time with these ladies," said freshman Courtney Wetzel. "Dancing with this group of girls has really been one of the best parts about my Samford story."

Looking back on the 2018-2019 season, members from both the cheer and dance teams recall the unforgettable experience that comes from being a part of Samford Athletics.

"I couldn't imagine my life without cheer. As much as it is tired and draining, I wouldn't trade being able to cheer at Samford for anything," Jackson said.

Above: The Spirit Squad would not be complete without the most beloved member, Spike the Bulldog.
Right: The dance team performed at multiple sporting events throughout the year, including the men's basketball game vs. Furman.



Left & Below: For one of the biggest games of the football season, the cheer team traveled to Tallahassee to support the Bulldogs as they took on Florida State University.

Photos: Continuing in the tradition of the Marching Bulldogs, the 2018-2019 team performed at every home game to cheer on the football, basketball, and volleyball teams.

Marching Band

Cheering On Samford Athletics

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographer: Jewel Trail

Comprised of members from all corners of campus, the Samford University Marching Band worked tirelessly to prepare halftime shows that amazed students, parents, and opponents alike. Although they were smaller than most university marching bands, the 2018-2019 Marching Bulldogs built a positive relationship between University Athletics and the University Band Program through supporting athletic teams and providing entertainment for Bulldogs fans.

In attempts to enhance members' overall college experience, the marching band is unlike most other marching band programs at four-year universities. In order to foster a well-diversified community, the band continued to recruit members from all over campus to foster an environment in which students could enhance their musical talent while benefitting from the team-like atmosphere.

"Some of my best friends on campus are ones I've made through band, and if we had not done it together, I would never have met them," said junior Jewel Trail. "There are music majors, but the majority of the band is non-music majors, so you're interacting with a wide range of people."

To prepare for their performances, members of the marching band committed to improving their skills on a weekly basis. The band met three days a week to hone their skills, build team spirit, and prepare to support Samford Athletics.

During the fall football season, the band played in the stands of Seibert Stadium to support the Bulldogs during their home games and even made a journey to support the team during one of their away games. In the spring, the band transitioned to the Pete Hanna Center and brought their enthusiasm to support the basketball and volleyball teams.

"Being in the marching band is a really great experience. It's a lot of practice, but the rewards that come from it are definitely worth it," said junior Jake Williams. "The band puts a lot of effort into learning music and visuals and making the show look great."

All in all, the Samford Marching Band worked endlessly throughout the year to astound players and Samford sports fans alike at events. In the midst of their training, band members formed close bonds with each other that will last a lifetime. Thus, many of the members are excited to continue their journey with the marching back during the upcoming year and look forward to debuting new uniforms next semester.

Colorguard

Dazzling the Crowd

Author: Abigail Aho
Photographer: Valerie Powell

At every home football game during the 2018 season, the ladies of the Samford Colorguard brought a pop of color and cheer to the field. After working hard all summer, the team performed two different halftime shows alongside the Samford Marching Band. Although their skills on the field sparkled as bright as their costumes, the members of the colorguard enjoyed their time away from the games, too.

"We even stay together outside of band practice, which is probably my favorite part," said freshman Paytin Boyd. "When we aren't jamming to early 2000's pop in Liz's car, we are making evening runs to Nothing but Noodles!"

In addition to the close bonds formed between team members, the members of the colorguard worked closely with the marching band to create exciting and fun halftime performances. This strong team mentality between the two groups made for great friends on and off the field. They were often spotted around campus studying, practicing choreography, or grabbing a bite to eat together.

The 2018 season was filled with a variety of new aspects for the colorguard team. For instance, the team's six new members offered a wealth of talent that improved the group's skill level. Furthermore, the team introduced rifles and enjoyed incorporating more dance moves into their routines.

Whether strengthening their friendships or improving their skills, the talented colorguard team fostered an environment in which members could grow.

"Going from never touching a flag to performing halftime shows, the colorguard has taught me a lot about the sport and myself," said Kasey Strout. "I have gained confidence, teamwork, and performance skills."

Thus, the colorguard promoted growth in a variety of different aspects of the team members' lives.

Photos: The Samford Colorguard worked hard to support the football team during their 2018 season and brought spirit to the crowd during every home game.

Volleyball

Setting the Stage

Author: Brandi Waits
Photographer: Brandi Waits

The Samford volleyball team had a very successful season that spanned from August until November. Throughout the season, the Bulldogs traveled to various states to compete, including Mississippi, Tennessee, Colorado, Ohio, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. With a winning record in their regular season and placing number one in the SoCon Tournament, the fairly young team set the stage for the program's ensuing years.

"Our biggest goal for this season is to play our best volleyball each time we step on the court," said freshman Camryn Pierce. "Our focus isn't on winning because we know the winning will come if we focus on playing our best volleyball. We know that if we play our best, we have a great chance at winning conference tournament this year. Winning the first round of NCAA is something that we strive for, and, hopefully, our focus on playing good volleyball will get us there."

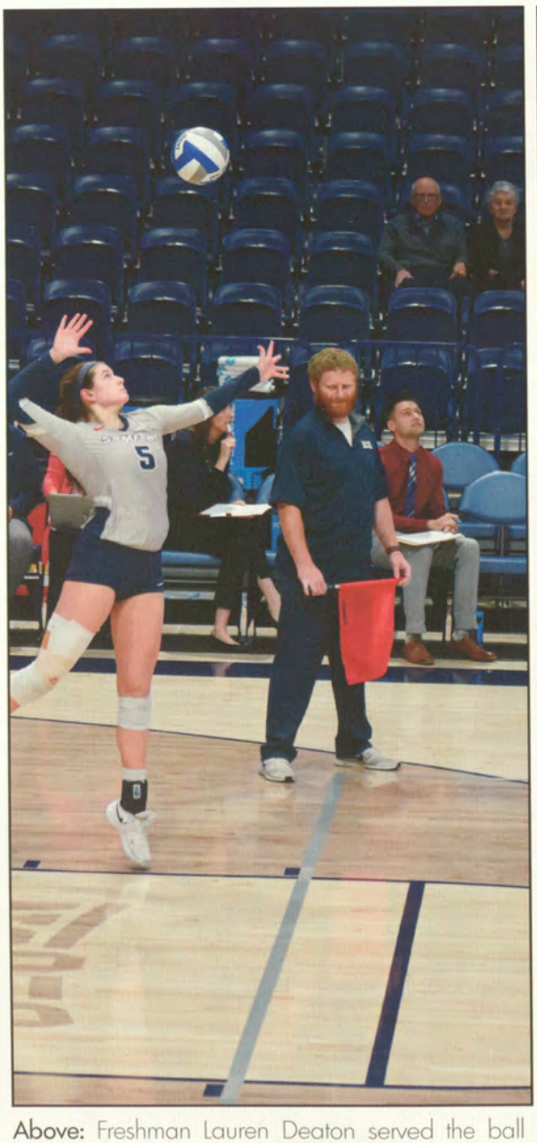
In a long season full of travel and practices balanced with school work, members of the team said their bond kept them motivated to continually work hard in all facets of their life.

"We joke about being a sisterhood all of the time, but, in all seriousness, this is the best and closest team I have ever been a part of," Pierce said. "Having each other makes the long practices, games, and days worth it. None of us could do it without each other."

With a home, regular-season record of 9-2, the Pete Hanna Center proved to be a great environment for the team to succeed. When playing in the Pete Hanna Center, the team appreciated the fun and supportive environment from their friends and classmates in the crowd. In addition to support from their friends and classmates, the band and dance team appeared at multiple home games alongside Sam the Bulldog.

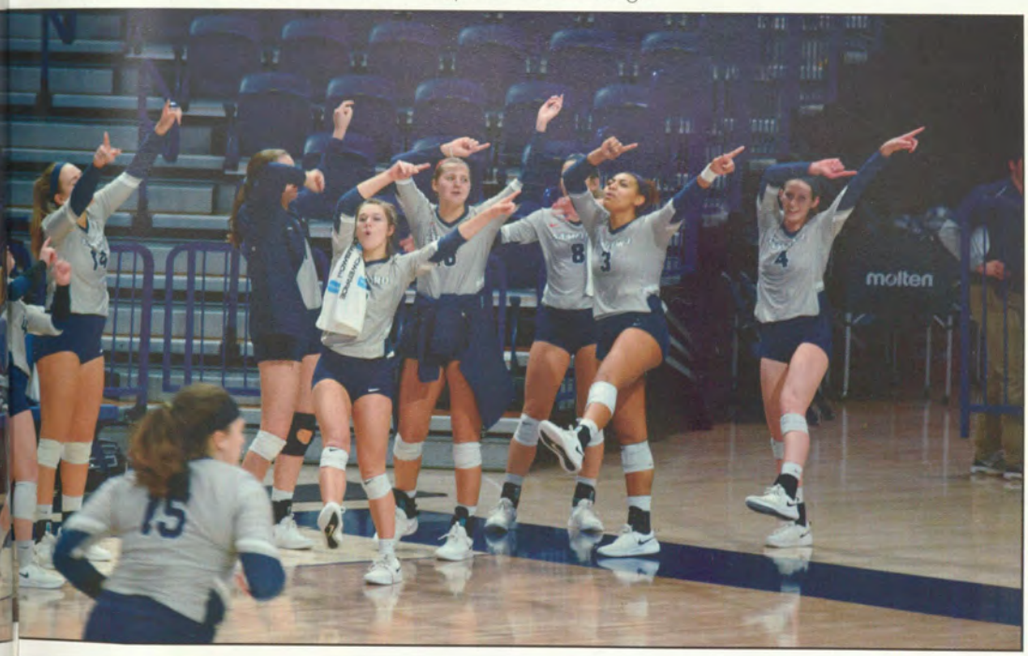
On Nov. 18, Samford volleyball won the SoCon Championship over ETSU, which gave them an automatic spot in the prestigious NCAA Tournament. This spectacular season was especially rewarding for the team members in the Senior Class.

"After 14 years of volleyball, I can honestly say that this season has been my favorite, which makes saying goodbye so much harder," said senior captain and setter, Taylor Anderton. "These girls have made me a better player, leader, and friend."



Above: Freshman Lauren Deaton served the ball to start play against Chattanooga.
Right: Setter Taylor Anderton set up Shayla Phillip for a spike vs. Western Carolina.

Left: Shayla Phillip and Kelsi Hobbs carefully watched the ball to time their block versus W. Carolina.
Below: The team celebrated their 3-0 victory over Chattanooga.



FOR THE RECORD: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

3-1 vs. Furman	3-0 vs. UNCG
3-1 vs. Wofford	2-3 vs. ETSU
3-2 @ ETSU	3-0 @ The Citadel
2-3 @ UNCG	2-3 @ Mercer
3-0 vs. Mercer	3-0 vs. Chattanooga
3-0 vs. The Citadel	3-1 vs. W. Carolina
2-3 @ Chattanooga	**SoCon Tournament**
3-2 @ W. Carolina	3-1 vs. Chattanooga
3-2 @ Furman	3-0 vs. Furman
1-3 @ Wofford	3-1 vs. ETSU

Soccer

Stronger than Ever

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

During the 2018 season, the prestigious women's soccer team continued along their successful path. With a record of 8-0-1 in Southern Conference play, the team fought hard against their SoCon rivals and earned the No. 1 seed for the SoCon Tournament. Outside of their SoCon play, the team faced-off against larger schools such as Auburn. Although the Bulldogs lost to their in-state rival, the game provided the girls with an incredible opportunity to play against a large school at home, which prepared them for the many challenges to come. Ultimately, Furman defeated the Bulldogs in the SoCon Tournament semifinal, but the women continued to beam with pride over their accomplishments and what is to come.

"Samford Soccer is such an incredible program to be a part of. Even though this season didn't end quite as we wanted it to, it made me so excited for the future of Samford Soccer," said sophomore defender Taylor Miller. "It was cool to be a part of a historic, regular-season winning team, and to also look forward to the future when we will hopefully make a run to the NCAA tournament."

Aside from their talent, the members of the women's soccer team were motivated by their avid fans. Students enjoyed the excitement of well-matched opponents and fostered an environment of unity to support the Bulldogs at their home games.

"It was a blast to get to cheer the Bulldogs on at a home game and make memories with some of my new friends at Samford," said freshman Courtney Wetzel.

One of the fans' favorite home games, Back to School Night, was hosted in late August. The first home game of the fall semester was complete with free ice cream, a giveaway, and a DJ. Although the Bulldogs fell to the University of Memphis 0-3, the team appreciated the strong turnout and allowed the support to pump them up for the rest of the season.

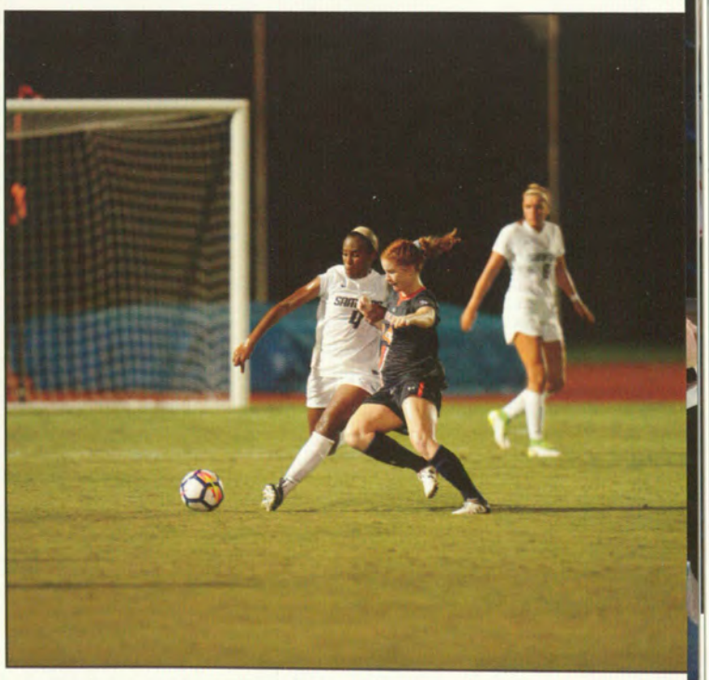
As for the 2019 season, players and fans alike have full confidence in the team's ability and look forward to the exciting season ahead.

FOR THE RECORD: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

2-0 vs. The Citadel
2-2 vs. Mercer
1-0 @ Furman
2-0 @ Wofford
2-1 vs. ETSU
3-0 vs. W. Carolina
2-0 @ Chattanooga
2-1 @ VMI
1-0 @ UNCG

SoCon Tournament

1-0 vs. The Citadel
0-2 vs. Furman



Photos: With many hard opponents, such as Auburn and Rice University, the members of the women's soccer team had their work cut out for them during the 2018 season. Despite their hard schedule, the Bulldogs gave it their all on the field.

FOR THE RECORD: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

68-76 @ Mercer
54-55 @ UNGC
75-42 @ Western Carolina
79-58 vs. ETSU
63-73 vs. Chattanooga
36-57 @ Furman
62-71 @ Wofford
52-68 vs. Mercer
58-43 vs. Western Carolina
57-53 vs. UNGC
56-61 @ Chattanooga
50-71 @ ETSU
79-62 vs. Wofford
41-74 vs. Furman

SoCon Tournament

52-67 vs. Furman

Photos: The women's basketball team beat Western Carolina for the second time in the season on Feb. 14. With a final score of 58-42, the girls fought hard for a well-deserved win.

Women's Basketball

Breaking Records

Author: Katie O'Neal
Photographer: Katie Roth

The 2018-2019 season was filled with many accomplishments for the women's basketball team both on and off the court. Their season began with a 72-40 defeat in an exhibition game vs. Berry College in October. They also kicked off the season with a 71-54 win at the home opener vs. Rhodes College.

During their Southern Conference play, the team had numerous victories this season, including games vs. Western Carolina, East Tennessee State University, and UNGC. In addition to team victories, there were multiple records beat during the season. The team's only senior, Cassidy Williams, set a Samford record scoring eight three-pointers in one game. In addition, sophomore center Natalie Armstrong beat her career-high shots made in one game racking up 21 points in a 74-42 win against Western Carolina.

The hard work and dedication for these players did not stop on the court. The team traveled to the Dominican Republic in August to share the Gospel with children in the area.

"One thing that I thought was really special about this trip was that we got to use basketball as our gateway into sharing the Gospel," Armstrong said.

Despite a few hardships experienced on the court, the fans experienced the team's dedication, skill, and love for the game this season. Although the team lost in the quarterfinal of the SoCon Tournament in March, the fans experienced the team's dedication, skill, and love for the game throughout the season. Members of the Samford and Birmingham community anticipate an increase in student support and look forward to the team's performance next season.

FOR THE RECORD:
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

75-83 vs. UNCG
96-68 vs. VMI
72-81 @ ETSU
69-76 @ W. Carolina
75-80 @ Chattanooga
80-77 vs. The Citadel
87-93 vs. Mercer
106-107 @ Wofford
75-73 @ Furman
66-74 vs. ETSU
92-81 vs. W. Carolina
67-75 @ UNCG
84-77 @ VMI
80-76 vs. Chattanooga
62-65 @ Mercer
83-87 @ The Citadel
81-90 vs. Furman
64-85 vs. Wofford

SoCon Tournament

100-71 vs. The Citadel
70-77 vs. UNCG

Men's Basketball

The Best is Yet to Come

Author: Katie O'Neal
Photographer: Katie Roth

With a five-game winning streak to kick off the season and numerous other victories, the men's basketball team had a dynamic and exciting 2018-2019 season. The team had many victories against Southern Conference rivals, including VMI, Western Carolina, and Furman. In addition to their victories, the team played many close, hard-fought games, such as their nail-biter at Wofford that ended in overtime with a 106-107 loss.

In addition to their team successes on the court, the men's team had several successes on and off the court. Senior center Ruben Guerrero was named to the Google Cloud Academic All-District in February, which honors the top student-athletes in the nation for their success both on their court and in their academic classes. Guerrero also leads the Southern Conference with the most blocked shots per game averaging 2.2. Additionally, junior guard Myron Gordon set a personal record of 25 points in a 92-81 win against Western Carolina.

With preseason polls putting the Bulldogs at eighth in the SoCon, the team fought hard to earn a spot at sixth in February. The determination and talent that the team showed this past season kept fans at the edge of their seats and overjoyed at their victories. The team brought a lot of pride to the Samford community, which cannot wait for the team's bright future in the hands of the seven freshmen that were added to the roster in the fall — a group that was regarded as the highest touted in school history.

Photos: The men's basketball team played a hard-fought game against Furman on Feb. 28. Despite a loss, the men beat Furman earlier in the season 75-73.

Softball

Bases Loaded

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

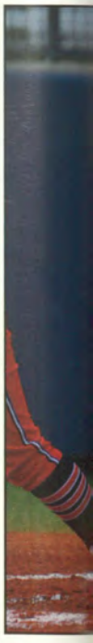
During this past school year, the Samford softball team found success both on and off the field. From their young team to a challenging schedule, the ladies of the softball team had their work cut out for them.

With over half the players either being freshmen or sophomores, the team had to adapt to new playing styles while balancing everything else that comes along with being a student-athlete. The softball team did not let this discourage them as they took on challenging teams. By the end of the season, the ladies came out with a record of 23-31 losing to teams ranked in the top 20, such as Florida State University, Arkansas, and Oklahoma State. Despite losing to larger state schools, the ladies played their hardest while gaining valuable experience competing against exceptional talent.

As for their conference play, the softball team had an overall winning record of 11-6. In early May, the ladies competed in the Southern Conference Tournament only to be eliminated in their third game of the tournament. Playing against ETSU, the Bulldogs played a hard-fought game that ended in a final score of 2-5 in extra innings.

Despite this loss, the players of the softball team are grateful for this past season and will forever be thankful for the memories created during their time as softball players at Samford. In addition to memories created on the field, the ladies of the softball team formed a tight-knit community in which they found support from each other in all areas of their life, from the field to the classroom.

Although they are sad to lose four seniors in the upcoming season, the ladies look forward to building upon the seniors' legacy. As they move forward with their relatively young team, the coaches, players, and staff have faith in the talent emerging for the upcoming season.



Photos: In a nail-biting match-up against Belmont University, the Bulldogs fell just short of making a comeback with a final score of 6-7.

FOR THE RECORD: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

0-9 @ UNCG
5-2 @ UNCG
7-4 @ UNCG
7-2 vs. Furman
9-4 vs. Furman
4-6 vs. Furman
4-9 @ W. Carolina
9-3 @ W. Carolina
6-4 @ W. Carolina
7-5 vs. ETSU
8-0 vs. ETSU
10-2 vs. ETSU
4-5 vs. Mercer
7-4 vs. Mercer
4-3 @ Chattanooga
0-6 @ Chattanooga
1-2 @ Chattanooga

SoCon Tournament

4-6 vs. W. Carolina
7-0 vs. Furman
2-5 vs. ETSU

Baseball

Running Down Opponents

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

With an overall winning record in their Southern Conference play, Samford's baseball team had another successful season. The Bulldogs pulled out impressive wins over conference rivals such as Furman, Wofford, and the Citadel. In addition to their conference play, the Bulldogs faced larger teams, such as the University of Alabama and the University of South Florida. Although highly competitive programs, the Bulldogs fought hard against both opponents.

To kick off the season, the Bulldogs traveled to South Florida to compete in a three-game series. Although a tough match for the team, the men pulled out a win over the large state school in their second game of the series.

Later in the season, the Bulldogs played the University of Alabama two times. Although their first game against the state school ended in 2-20 loss, the Bulldogs did not let this get them down. Later in the season, the two teams faced off again and Alabama won by just two runs with a final score of 2-4.

For their SoCon play, the baseball team had an overall record of 19-5. Beating teams such as Furman and UNCG during their regular season, the men continued to play well during the SoCon Tournament. At the time of press, the baseball team was in the midst of the SoCon Tournament with two wins under their belt. In the first game of the tournament, the Bulldogs pulled out a 5-4 vs. W. Carolina in the 10th inning. As for the second game, the men crushed Mercer for a final score of 11-0. Heading into the third game, the Bulldogs prepare to take on Wofford in Greenville, S.C.

Whether the Bulldogs bring home the SoCon Championship title or not, it is safe to say the baseball team was filled with a plethora of talent that drove them to success. As the men conclude their 2019 season, they are already looking ahead to what is to come for the team during their 2020 season.

Photos: In a tough battle against Kennesaw State, the baseball team pulled out a 3-2 in the second game of the three-game series in early March.

FOR THE RECORD:
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

8-4 vs. Furman
14-4 vs. Furman
3-0 vs. Furman
13-4 @ VMI
4-0 @ VMI
4-5 @ VMI
8-4 vs. The Citadel
6-2 vs. The Citadel
10-3 vs. The Citadel
7-3 vs. UNCG
3-2 vs. UNCG
14-0 vs. UNCG
11-4 @ Wofford
5-8 @ Wofford
6-1 @ Wofford
2-7 @ Mercer
0-1 @ Mercer
7-2 @ Mercer
16-4 vs. W. Carolina
5-3 vs. W. Carolina
4-2 vs. W. Carolina
5-1 @ ETSU
1-2 @ ETSU
9-1 @ ETSU

SoCon Tournament

5-4 vs. W. Carolina
11-0 vs. Mercer
TBD vs. Wofford

FOR THE RECORD: MEET RANKINGS

Women's Record

2nd @ Mississippi College Opener
13th @ Commodore Classic
1st @ JSU Foothills Invitational
5th @ UAB Blazer Classic
3rd @ SoCon Championships
15th @ NCAA South Regionals

Men's Record

1st @ Mississippi College Opener
7th @ Commodore Classic
1st @ JSU Foothills Invitational
5th @ UAB Classic
3rd @ SoCon Championships
10th @ NCAA South Regionals

Photos: The women and men on Samford's cross country team ran at the UAB Classic in October, and they both placed fifth before competing in the Southern Conference Championships later in the month.

Cross Country

Going the Distance

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, the men and women on Samford's cross country team put in hours of weekly work to perform at their best during their meets. With an overall successful season, the men and women began their season at the Mississippi College Opener in August and finished off in early November competing in the NCAA South Regional meet in Tallahassee, Florida.

Between the first race and Regionals, the team faced a variety of highs and lows. From overcoming injuries to spending hours training, the members of Samford's cross country team were no strangers to running, which takes a toll on anyone's body. From balancing school work to avoiding injuries, the cross country team had their work cut out for them, but the support from their coaches and fellow teammates made the successful season possible.

After opening strong in the Mississippi College Openers, both men and women placed at the JSU Foothills Invitational. Competing against in-state rivals such as Troy, Alabama State, and Jacksonville State, the cross country team made a name for themselves in the state of Alabama from the beginning of the season.

In late October, both teams saw success at the Southern Conference Championships hosted in North Carolina. The women's team placed third behind rivals Furman and Chattanooga with the men's team placing third behind Furman and Eastern Tennessee State.

In addition to the team's success, there were a variety of individual accomplishments attained by the men and women of Samford's cross country team. After the Southern Conference Championships, multiple Samford runners were awarded prestigious honors. Juniors Dillon Dean and Shian Mallory were named to the Men's and Women's First Team All-SoCon; seniors Ben Bryant and Owen Bailey were named to the Men's Second Team All-SoCon; freshmen Carter Marchbanks and Mary Kellison Thorne were named to the Women's All-Freshman Team.

Without the support of their teammates, the members of the cross country team would not have been able to attain success both on and off the field. Outside of preparing for meets, the team supported each other in the academic, faith, and social aspects of their college experience. For instance, fellow teammates supported senior Hannah Belcher in her nutrition and dietetics senior research project as research participants.

It is safe to say the fellowship found amongst the members of the cross country team contributed to their overall success. The community displayed by the team members will continue into next season as the runners prepare for another competitive year ahead.

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Track and Field

Hurdling Obstacles

Author: Ally Sorrells
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In 2019, the Samford track and field teams saw success during their indoor and outdoor season. Starting off their season strong, the Bulldogs had over 10 team members finish within the top 10 in their respective events at the UAB Invite.

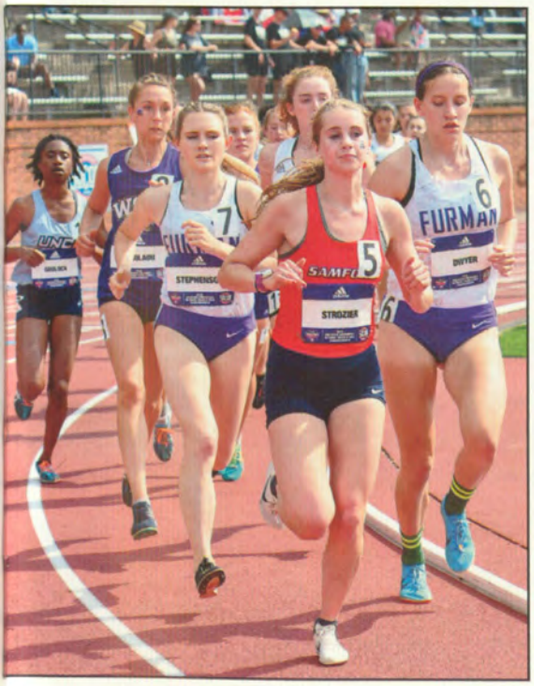
Throughout the remainder of the season, the Bulldogs performed exceptionally well. On their home turf at the Samford Multi and Samford Invite the team dominated rivals, including Alabama State, Tulane, and UAB. The team finished off their conference play for their indoor season strong at the SoCon Championships in Lexington, Virginia. The women claimed their fourth consecutive indoor championship title and the men followed close behind in second.

In addition to the teams' overall success, there were a variety of personal successes attained by both the women and men in the program during the indoor season. Perhaps the most noteworthy, redshirt senior Karisa Nelson finished runner-up in the women's mile at the NCAA Championships.

As for the teams' outdoor season, they did not fall short of the precedent set earlier in the year. By the end of the outdoor season, the women claimed first-place and the men placed second closely behind Western Carolina in the SoCon Championship.

In addition to the team's overall success, individual players were awarded a variety of different awards at the SoCon Championships. To name a few, junior Maggie Johnston was named the 2019 Most Outstanding Athlete and sophomore Amanda Dumar was awarded the 2019 Pinnacle Award, which is presented to the athlete with the highest GPA on the first-place team.

With strong indoor and outdoor seasons, the members of Samford's track and field teams look forward to the upcoming season. Despite losing some seniors, the team has confidence in their abilities and are excited to compete again next spring with as much dedication as this season.



Tennis

Looking Down the Line

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

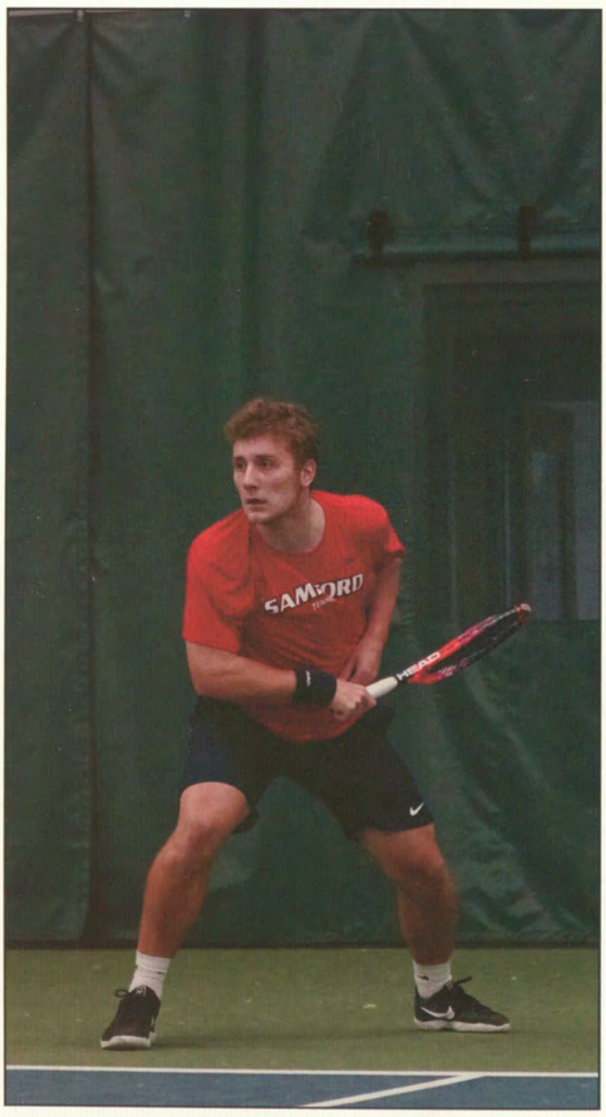
The 2018-2019 season was another successful season for Samford's tennis program. Members on the women's and men's team had the opportunity to improve both on and off the court.

Throughout the season, the teams faced challenging opponents that demanded their best performance on the court. As a result of their challenging schedules, the women and men in the program were able to test their skills and learn from the talent that came out of larger state schools, such as Auburn and Mississippi State.

Despite their challenging schedule, the players in Samford's tennis program pulled out impressive wins against many of their Southern Conference rivals, including Mercer, Wofford, and UNC Greensboro.

In addition to the opportunity to improve on the court, players found that being a part of Samford's tennis team benefitted them just as much off the court. Members supported their teammates through it all, from academic struggles to personal issues.

"The school side of things definitely picked up this semester due to being a second semester junior and preparing for senior year," said junior Holly Horsfall. "There have been times when I didn't think I could balance school and tennis and do well in both of them, but we always come together as a team and support each other and help each other get through everything."



With a well-diversified and young talent pool, the players of Samford's tennis program look forward to what is to come. A lot of the players are from various different places around the world, including England, Bolivia, and South Africa to name a few. Thus, the young women and men will continue to take advantage of their peers' unique perspectives on tennis and beyond. As a result, the players feel confident in their potential for success during the upcoming season.

"Next season I'm looking forward to getting-better results and continuing the journey with my teammates," said junior Arianna Beltrame. "It's my last season here at Samford, so I'm looking forward to finishing on a high note."

FOR THE RECORD: SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Women's Record
4-3 @ Mercer
0-7 vs. ETSU
2-5 @ UNCG
3-4 @ W. Carolina
0-7 vs. Furman
4-3 vs. Wofford
4-3 @ Chattanooga
SoCon Tournament
4-1 va. UNCG
0-4 vs. Furman

Men's Record
0-4 @ Woffrod
1-6 @ ETSU
5-2 vs. UNCG
2-5 vs. Chattanooga
1-6@ Furman
6-1 vs. The Citadel
4-3 @ Mercer
SoCon Tournament
3-4 vs. Wofford

Golf

On Par for the Future

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

The 2018-2019 season for the men's and women's golf teams was filled with hard opponents, team bonding, and personal successes. Throughout the season, the teams competed in different tournaments, which meant they faced a range of opponents on various courses.

The women's team started their season off at the Boston College Tournament in Boston. From there, the women placed within the top 10 in the rest of their tournaments. Some of their strongest performances included the Spring Break Shootout hosted by Florida Gulf Coast University and the Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate in Tennessee. At the Spring Break Shootout, the women placed fourth out of 15 teams with senior Emily Uhland placing sixth out of 87 players. The Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate proved to be another successful tournament with the team taking home first place and Uhland ranking at the top of the leaderboard, an accomplishment that has not been seen by the women's golf team since 2014.

The men's golf team began their season in Mississippi at the Sam Hall Intercollegiate tournament. The team's best performances were at the LA Tour Intercollegiate and the Ryman Hospitality Intercollegiate Tournament in Nashville. In Louisiana, the men placed second out of 12 teams as they battled the weather to place within the top 10. The team's third-place rank in the Ryman Hospitality Intercollegiate Tournament served as the men's sixth top-10 finish in the season.

Although their experience on the course varied greatly throughout the season, members of both golf teams reaped the benefits of the community and support fostered by Samford University's golf program.

"Deciding to play college golf at Samford University is one of the greatest decisions of my life," said senior Jackson Seawell. "I had the chance to compete against some of the best golf teams and golfers while here. My coach and teammates made the journey an experience I will never forget."

As for the underclassmen players, they are excited for what is to come as both the women and men look forward to improving their skills during the remainder of their time in the program.

FOR THE RECORD:
Tournament Rankings

Women's Record
11th of 17 @
Boston College Tournament
9th of 15 @
Jacksonville Classic
10th Of 17 @
Pinehurst Challenge
5th of 16 @
Terrier Intercollegiate
1st of 16 @
Amelia Island Invitational
4th of 15 @
Spring Break Shootout
1st of 12 @
Bobby Nichols Intercollegiate
8th of 16 @
John Kirk/Panther
Intercollegiate
6th of 9 @
SoCon Tournament

Men's Record
8th of 13 @
Sam Hall Intercollegiate
13th of 14 @
Shoal Creek Invitational
12th of 12 @
Jerry Pate intercollegiate
4th of 12 @
Autotrader Collegiate Classic
6th of 13 @
UNCG Martin Downs
2nd of 12 @
LA Tour Intercollegiate
11th of 18 @
GCU Invitational
10th of 21 @
Furman Intercollegiate
3rd of 16 @
Ryman Hospitality
Intercollegiate
15th of 15 @
Shoal Creek Invitational
7th of 8 @
SoCon Tournament

SAMPSYS

Honoring Student Athletes

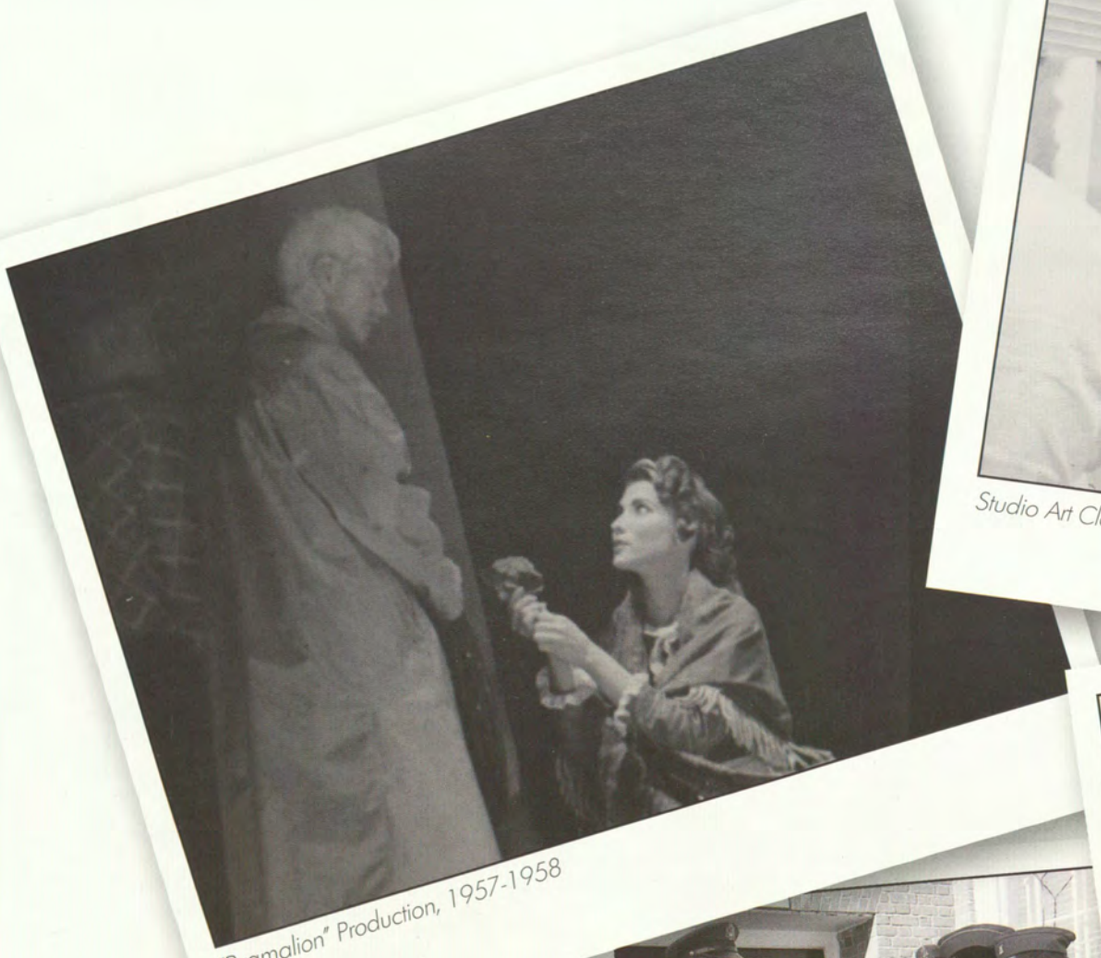
Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Athletics Department

Held to honor the various individuals involved in the Samford University Athletic Department, the annual SAMSPYS award ceremony took place at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Modeled after the Excellence in Sports Performance Yearly Awards (ESPYs), the SAMPSYS specifically celebrated the accomplishments made by the student-athletes, staff, and coaches that poured their heart and souls into their respective sport's 2018-2019 season.

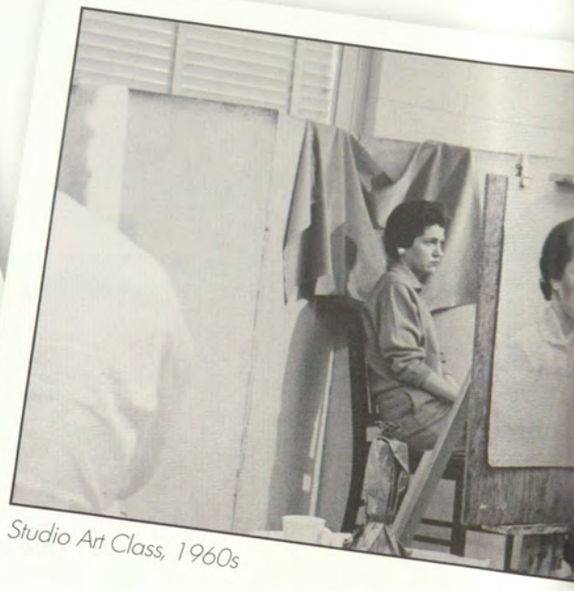
Taking place at the end of the school year, the SAMPSYS provided the student-athletes an opportunity to relax in the midst of one of the most hectic times on campus. Apart from finishing up assignments and other obligations while heading into finals, some student-athletes were still in the midst of their season. Thus, the SAMPSYS provided them with an opportunity to relax and enjoy a night designed just for them. The night was complete with stylish attire, fellowship, and an award ceremony that honored the hard work, talent, and dedication that comprised Samford Athletics during the 2018-2019 school year.

All in all, the 2019 SAMPSYS made for a night to remember and certainly set the stage for a positive start to next year's athletic endeavors at Samford University.

Photos: Student-athletes from all different teams at Samford University celebrated their accomplishments and awards together at the 2019 SAMPSYS.

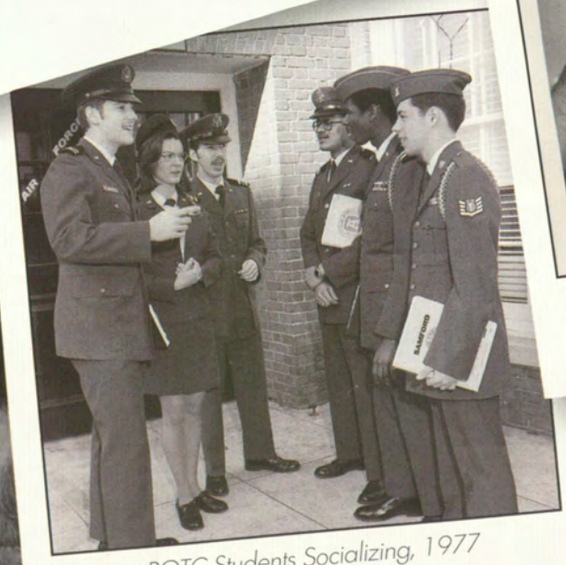


"Pygmalion" Production, 1957-1958



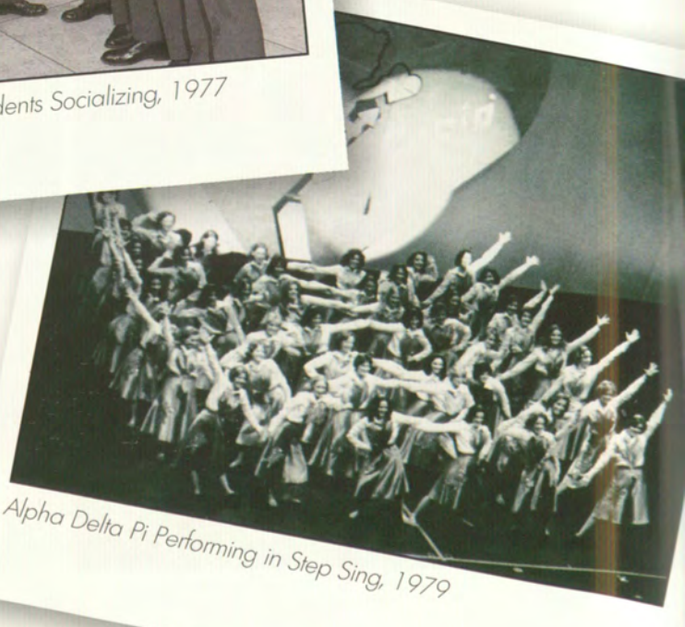
Studio Art Class, 1960s

Phi Delta Chi Pharmacy Fraternity at the Polio Drive, Undated

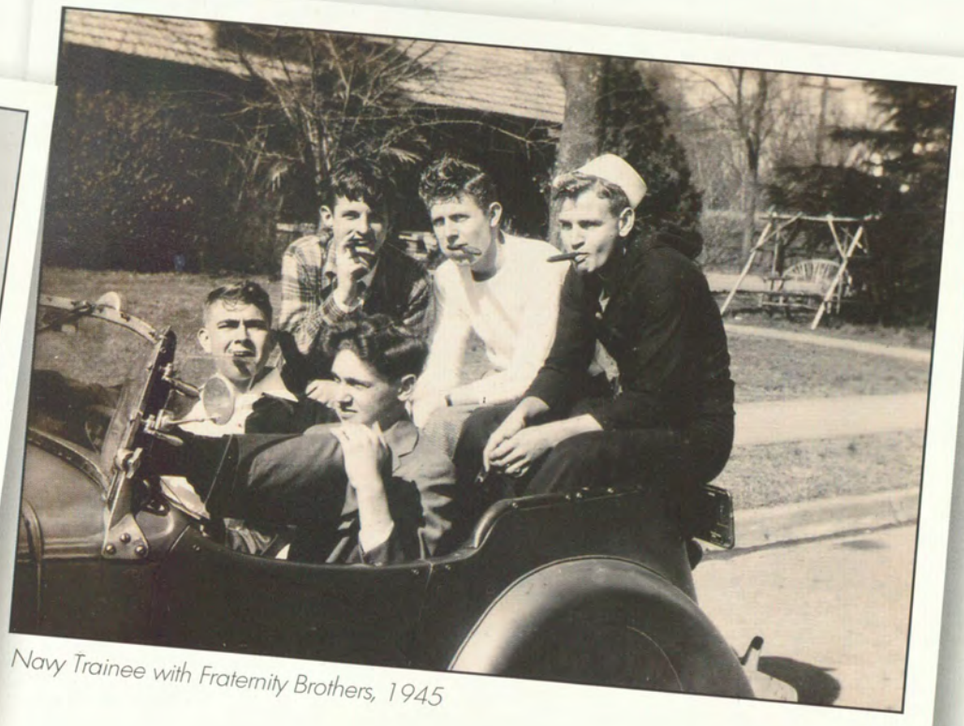


Air Force ROTC Students Socializing, 1977

Faculty Members Studying the Geneva Bible, Undated



Alpha Delta Pi Performing in Step Sing, 1979



Navy Trainee with Fraternity Brothers, 1945

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Past

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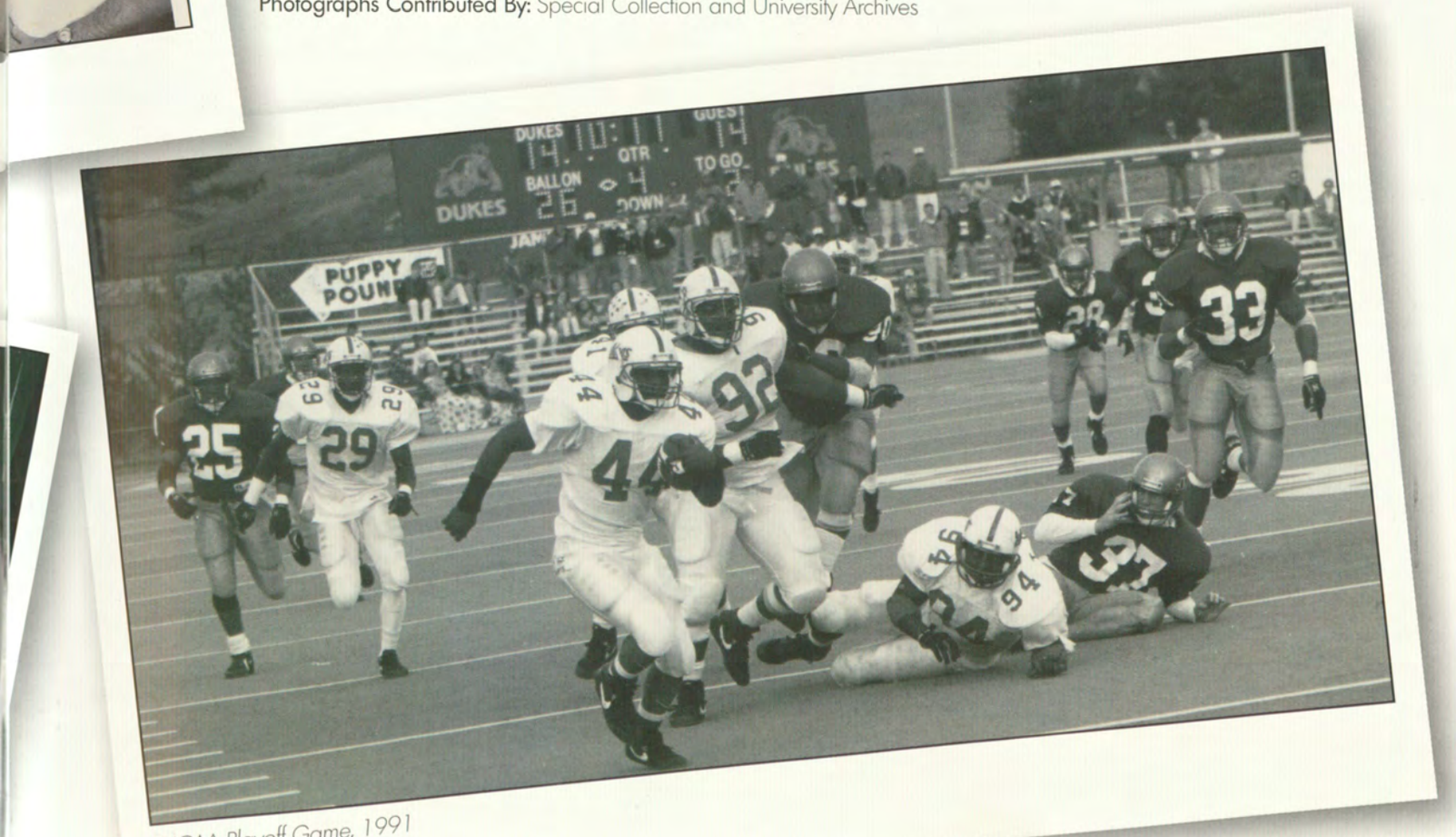


NCAA Playoff Game, 1991

Faith

Students Entering Reid Chapel, Undated, Special Collection and University Archives

Preministerial Scholars

Making Ministers

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographer: Anna Claire Noblitt

The Preministerial Scholars program at Samford consist of 31 students who sense a call to a career in vocational ministry. All of these students are Religion majors who seek to incorporate other concentrations, which include foreign languages, human development and family studies, psychology, or communication studies.

The program offers a community of students with similar goals, mentors who have experience in ministry, and training programs outside of class. For their out-of-class training, Preministerial students must complete three ministry internships throughout their time at Samford, which range from local high schools and churches to organizations around the world.

"The Preministerial program has provided me with opportunities to learn about religion and ministry and to practically incorporate the things I'm learning through ministry internships," said junior religion and human development major Lauren Center. "These opportunities have both helped me discern my ministry calling and equip me for whatever future ministry endeavors the Lord calls me to."

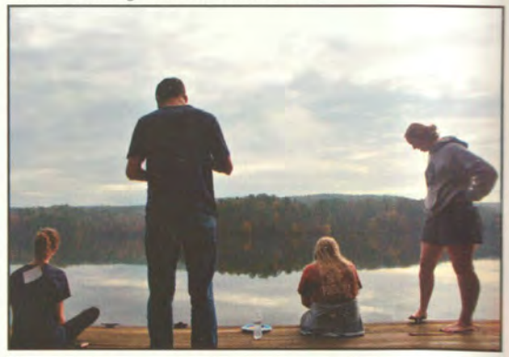
Directed by Dr. Jim Barnette and coordinated by Anna Harris, the program faculty commit to developing the scholars into ministers to lead a church.

"The faculty of the Preministerial program is incredible! Dr. B and Ms. Anna are like second parents to all of us," Center said. "They care for us so well and challenge us to grow and pursue new things."

Over the weekend of Jan. 25, students and their leaders went on a weekend retreat. The weekend served as a great opportunity for students to grow relationships with friends and faculty in the Preministerial community. Students noted the retreat as one of the most memorable experiences of the academic year as a time to rest, be encouraged, and talk to the faculty outside of school.

After graduating, Preministerial Scholars often become ministers, music and worship ministers, career missionaries, hospital chaplains, pastoral and family counselors, religion professors, or church-related social workers. Some students engage in justice ministry or local church-related nonprofits. In May 2019, nine seniors in the program graduated and are leaving ready to use their gifts because of the training they received at Samford.

Below right: The Preministerial Scholars spent time in nature enjoying fellowship with the Lord and one another during their weekend retreat.



Below left: The Scholars posed for a photo to commemorate their time spent together this year.

Left: Global Missions Scholars received hands-on experience in mission fields to prepare them for post-grad work.
Bottom Left: The Scholars preached the gospel to and prayed over the locals.
Bottom Right: During their times spent abroad, the students engaged in a variety of activities and immersed themselves in the local cultures.

Global Missions

Serving the World

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographer: Anna Claire Noblitt

The Global Missions Scholars (GMS) program supports students who have an interest in long-term international missions. The 40 current students who received this scholarship not only seek a career in the mission field but engage in other academic areas, such as foreign language, nursing, environmental science, and many more. GMS helps students apply their academic knowledge to the mission field, and, through these students, GMS helps the entire campus "Go Global" with their faith.

In addition to a yearly scholarship, Global Missions Scholars receive a one-time travel stipend to assist with expenses for a long-term mission trip. To help assist the students in their decision process, The Office of Spiritual Life guide the scholars in finding local or global mission opportunities that align with the student's passions.

"Being a part of GMS has given me a group of people who share the same hopes and dreams of serving internationally to share the good news of Jesus Christ as I do," said freshman nursing major Caroline Thomas. "Particularly, I hope to do this through serving in orphanages to help end generational poverty."

Since the program's establishment in 2011, many graduates over the past four years have completed one to two-year assignments overseas. These include administration work at a children's home in Southern India, teaching English to North African refugees in Uganda, and serving women affected by trafficking in London. This summer, GMS students will be serving in Africa, South America, and around the United States.

Campus minister Renee Pitts serves as director of GMS and has a huge heart for the scholars and their impact at Samford.

"It is our deep hope that the presence of GMS on Samford's campus serves as a community of encouragement for students who are considering the unique calling of living in unreached areas of the globe for the sake of the Gospel. I also hope the program encourages its participants to be leaders in mission among their peers and that the program itself is a reminder to us all of the importance of living out the Great Commission as individuals and as a university community," Pitts said.

Right: CSA pictured at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama.
Below: CSA formed an intramural soccer team to spend time together outside of the organization's meetings.

CSA

Celebrating Church History

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographer: Bridget Merchant

The Catholic Student Association (CSA) at Samford University has been growing since its conception in 2009. From their weekly Mass offered on campus for convocation credit to their monthly sacramental, social, and scholarly events, there is ample opportunity for interested students to be involved.

"I think CSA is important to Samford's campus because of the fact that Samford is a Christian school but all of Christianity comes from Catholicism," said freshman McKenna Martignoni. "For Catholics, it's a place to learn about and grow in your faith, but it's also open to other denominations to inform people about what the Catholic Church really is."

This year, students were able to get involved with the organization in multiple ways, from a women's bible study to encyclical readings. By providing a wide range of events, CSA served as an organization that became defining of many students' academic year.

"CSA has been a part of my college experience from the very start. It helped me to grow deeper into my faith at a time when it could have been easy to push it aside," said senior Jonathan Kahalley. "Growing deeper in my Catholic faith would not have been possible without the great mentors and friends I have made through CSA and has prepared me to continue to live out my faith after college."

With the help of its chaplain, Fr. Joshua Altonji, CSA held monthly sacramental events. Hosted in the business school, CSA engaged in the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Confession. In addition, the organization had service at Casa Maria in Irondale, Ala., which houses the Sister Servants of the Eternal World.

In order to welcome as many students as possible, CSA hosted at least one event every week. This provided students with opportunities to learn about the Catholic faith and become involved with a faith-based group on campus. With that being said, CSA continually welcomes new visitors and hopes to welcome even more students during the upcoming school year, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

"God has been so good to us at Samford! Having Mass on campus allows students and professors to worship together the true with presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Please come and join us," Fr. Altonji said.

Convocation

Growing Faith

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Office of Spiritual Life

As a school rooted in the Christian faith, Samford University makes Convocation a requirement to graduate. By the time they register for their junior year, undergraduate students must have 30 Convocation credits to be on track to attain all 60 by the time of graduation. As a result, students can be found attending a Convocation event at many different times throughout their undergraduate career.

In order to provide students with ample opportunity to receive credit, the Office of Spiritual Life hosted a variety of different events throughout the 2018-2019 school year. From traditional Convocations to movie screenings, students found multiple events that they were interested in to receive credit.

Perhaps the most common type of Convocation attended was on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. in Reid Chapel. Every Tuesday, the Samford University Worship Team led students in worship. On Thursdays, the Office of Spiritual Life hosted a speaker. These individuals included a long list of faith-centered Samford faculty and guests, such as Samford's new university minister, Bobby Gatlin.

Outside of the traditional Convocation, Samford offered other events for students to receive Convocation credit. Whether attending a movie and discussion during psychology week or supporting peers presenting election speeches for Student Government Association, Samford students were able to pick and chose from events according to their passions.

All in all, the 2018-2019 academic year proved to be another successful year for Convocations on campus. From praising the Lord to learning from renown speakers, students will continue to benefit from Convocations that align with the program's mission to encourage "students to develop both spiritually and academically," according to their website.

Photos: Students participate and worship together during a wide variety of Convocation events throughout the year.

Delight Ministries

Forming a Long-Lasting Community

Author: Olivia Moses
Photographer: Anna Claire Noblitt

Established at Belmont University in 2011, Samford serves as a home for one of the 100 plus Delight Ministries in the nation. Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, Samford Delight offered weekly meetings on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. Each meeting focused on building community through sharing the testimonies and bonding over food.

"The community formed in Delight is amazing because the foundation of Delight is built on being vulnerable with one another, so the community is really close and not just stuck on surface level interactions," said sophomore and a leader of Delight, Emma Goode.

To guide their weekly meetings, Samford Delight relied on devotionals that were specifically created by the program and geared toward college-aged women.

"The Delight books each semester have different girls' testimonies and trials. We pick a different story each week to study," Goode said. "We relate the story from that week to a passage in the Bible and relate it to our lives. We end with a prayer and hang out with some really awesome girls."

Through fostering a genuine environment, Delight Ministries is a place that college girls continually return to year after year.

"I got involved with Delight from the beginning of my freshman year. I decided I should go once and just fell in love with the atmosphere that was created through Delight and kept going from there," said sophomore and a leader of Delight, Natalie Still. "The girls I have met through Delight have been an answer to so many prayers I have prayed. I have met girls that have picked me up right where I am. It is so important to have those people who are going to love you and be there for you."

This upcoming school year, Delight welcomes the women of Samford's campus to join their student-led ministry no matter their background.

Left: Students in Delight Ministry enjoyed weekly Bible study meetings where they engaged in fellowship.
Below: The Delight devotional guided the student leaders in shaping Monday night meetings.
Bottom: The women of Delight celebrated Christmas with a gingerbread decorating party.

Photos: From enjoying each other's company during Summer Beach Project to preaching the gospel and worshipping the Lord on campus, the members of Campus Outreach fostered relationships with one another rooted in their shared love for the Lord.

Campus Outreach

Reaching Beyond Campus

Author: McKenna Neville
Photographs: Courtesy of Stephen Peacock & Kayla Tyrrell

Campus Outreach is a ministry on campus that gets students growing, learning, and talking about their faith in God. Not only do members of Campus Outreach grow in their faith, but Campus Outreach also provides them with opportunities to serve communities around the country to become "Christ-like leaders."

Through the encouragement and community of Campus Outreach, many of the organization's members have developed a passion for spreading the gospel.

"The Lord has used Campus Outreach to give me Christ-like friends, biblical mentors, and a deep desire for the Gospel to reach the ends of the earth," said senior Mary Kale Labar.

During the summer, Campus Outreach participated in one of its biggest training events, Summer Beach Project. Students that attended Summer Beach Project worked full-time in Panama City Beach and participated in weekly missions, such as corporate worship events, discipleship groups, and evangelistic outreaches.

"My life will forever be impacted by the work Christ did in my heart at Summer Beach Project and through Campus Outreach. If you are reading this, go to Summer Beach Project! You won't regret it!" Labar said.

In addition to the life-changing experience in the summer, members of Campus Outreach cherish their time spent together on Samford's campus during the 2018-2019 school year.

"The most enriching aspect of Campus Outreach is being surrounded by people that push you to proclaim your faith boldly. It is a ministry that will force you to go outside of your comfort zone, but also one that ultimately reminds me of the importance to seek the Lord in all circumstances," said sophomore Kayla Tyrrell.

Grace Dance Ministry

Dancing for the Lord

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographer: Sarah Binder

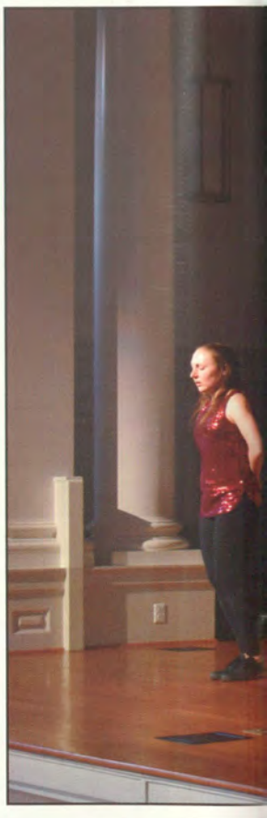
As one of the many diverse organizations on Samford's campus that caters to students with unique interests, Grace Dance Ministry marries a student's love for dance and the arts with Christian worship. Organized to provide students with a chance to engage in taking care of their bodies while fostering a community that can openly praise God, Grace Dance Ministry provided a strong community for many young women on campus throughout the 2018-2019 school year.

"Being a part of Grace Dance has been a huge blessing for me! The women who are a part of the organization are so welcoming and devoted to their faith. They always make sure that I am doing well and have become great friends to me," said senior Hanna Krebel. "Being a member of Grace Dance has allowed me to praise God through dance. This has been so incredible and peaceful for me, knowing that I am really using the gifts God gave me to give back honor and glory to Him."

In addition to praising God through Grace Dance Ministry, the women are forever thankful for the community they formed while practicing for their performances.

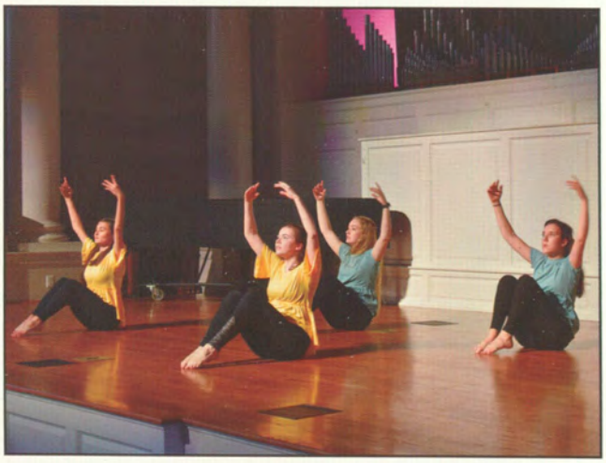
"What I love about Grace Dance is that it is a group of girls who come together to worship God through dance," said senior Shannon Gilstran. "Everyone's at different levels when it comes to dance, but that doesn't matter because our love of God and dance is what ties us together - not skill."

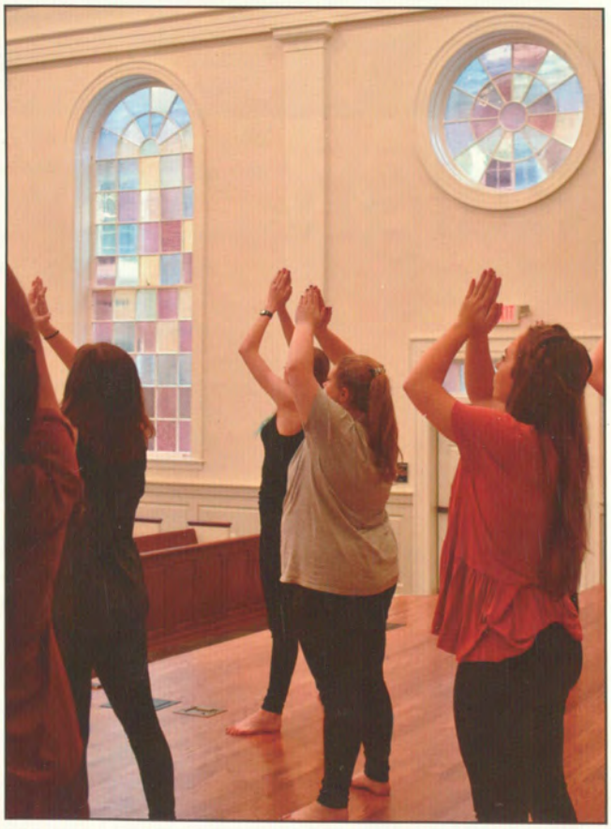
Looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year, the organization welcomes students of all years and skill levels. The only requirement is a passion for dance and Christ.



Above: The women in Grace Dance Ministry supported each other both on and off the stage.
Right: After hours of preparation, the women were ready to welcome the Samford community for a night of worship at their spring production.

Left & Below: The women of Grace Dance Ministry praised the Lord through dance during their performance in the spring.





Above: Members of the organization spent hours practicing for their spring production.

Reign

Where the Past is Forgiven

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographer: Andrew Clark

Reign is a student-led campus ministry open to all students as a place to come and worship. The movement began at Samford four years ago and has grown to be a unique aspect of spiritual life on campus.

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, students gathered in Reid Chapel every Thursday night for an acoustic worship session. Each Thursday night, students gather in Reid Chapel for an acoustic worship session. The music was hand-selected by a student leader and played by the worship band that consisted of a variety of instruments, such as a piano, guitar, and cajón, accompanied by unplugged, passionate voices.

For students, it was a powerful and raw time of worship. The students came just as they were, even when they were tired, overwhelmed, stressed, and broken from their week. Due to the ministry's flexibility, Reign provided a different worship experience for all who took part in Thursday night services. Based on their own schedules, students could stay for 30 minutes or two hours.

"Reign is designed to be a place where we welcome the Holy Spirit and he does the rest. We simply invite Him and create a space for students to worship Him however they want to," said 2018-2019 Reign leader, Hannah Williams. "T some that may be singing, dancing, or reading the Word and to others it could be rallying around each other in prayer or journaling."

In addition to Thursday night gatherings, Reign members started a small group in the fall semester, Reign Living Room, that took place on Tuesday nights. The leadership team created the small group setting for the ministry to become more connected and personal. Reign Living Room created a community centered on Christ and united students from all years and different backgrounds.

Reign is one of the most diverse and inclusive ministries on campus. It is accessible due to its flexible schedule for busy students, student-led, and provides an opportunity for believers to come together and worship uniquely and the leadership team welcomes anyone who is interested with arms wide open.

RUF

Shaping Disciples for the Future

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographer: Andrew Clark

Founded in 1971 at the University of Southern Mississippi, Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) has expanded and gained global influence at universities around the world.

"More than just a ministry on the univer sity campus, RUF seeks to be a ministry for the university," according to the ministry's website. "We strive to serve in this unique stage of a student's life in the world they live in, exploring together how the Lordship of Christ informs every area of life."

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, RUF met multiple times on a weekly basis. On Monday nights, the ministry held student-led worship nights. Throughout the rest of the week, the ministry hosted a variety of Bible studies for students to attend that featured semester-long series. For example, RUF's fall Bible study was an in-depth look at relationships, and the ministry studied the Ten Commandments in the spring. Other well-received smalls groups were more specific, such as individual class Bible studies, groups composed of just Greek Life members, or studies for student-athletes.

"RUF has given me a place to find friendship, experience community, learn solid biblical teaching, and serve other students. The ministry has taught me so much about my Savior's great love for me and the Lord has used the people at RUF to display His provision and care for me in many different ways," said junior Sarah Williamson.

In addition to the student leaders, adult staff members assisted with the ministry. As mentors, the two staff members worked alongside the student leaders and assisted with gatherings and expanding the ministry. As a result of their deep-rooted experience with RUF, stemming from the involvement during their college careers, the staff members were the perfect individuals to guide the students toward accomplishing RUF's mission. Thus, the ministry aligned their work with the five pillars of the RUF: Faith Alone, Grace, Alone, Scripture Alone, Christ Alone, and to God Alone be The Glory."

"My favorite thing about the ministry is the respect they give to the word of God being passionate to preach the Word in a world that doesn't value truth, showing equally God's justice and God's love," Williamson said.

Photos: Led by the student leaders, worship team, and adult staff, members of RUF enjoyed another Monday night in fellowship and praise.

From the Office of Spiritual Life

Orientation event

Members of the Samford Debate Team

Sisters of Chi Omega before a Recruitment party

RAs assisting with freshmen Move-In Day

Unclassified in Step Sing

A home group celebrating Christmas

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Year

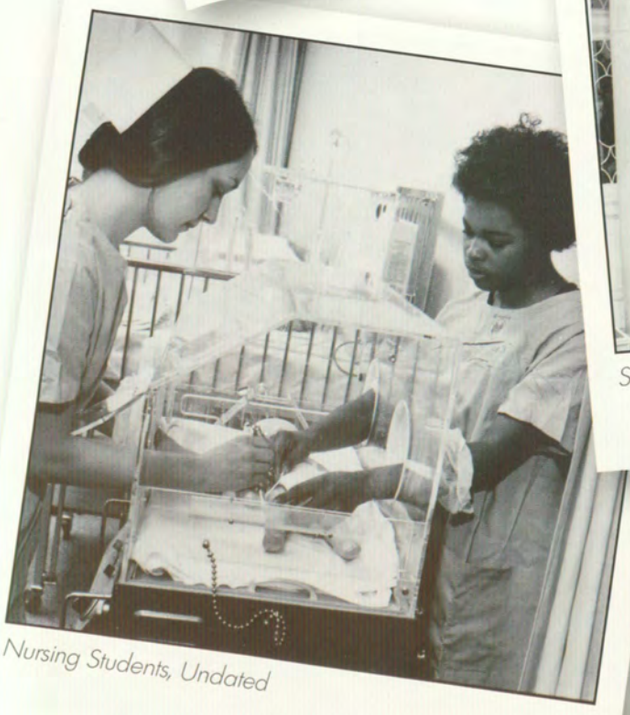
Player and coach from the men's golf team

Sorority Theme Party, 1975

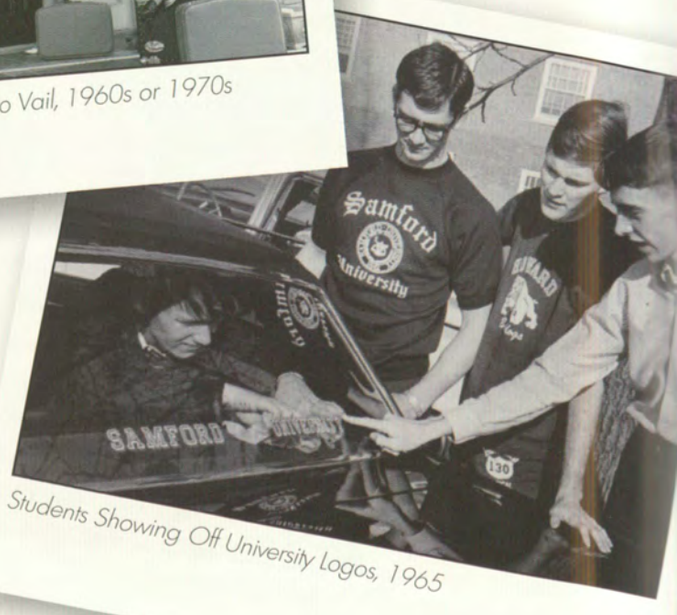
Young Men's Christian Association Group at Howard College, 1914-1915

Graduation on East Lake Campus, 1930s

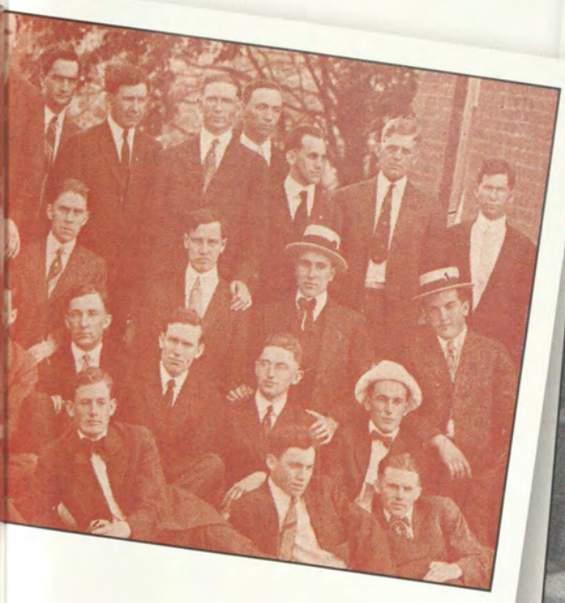
Students Moving into Vail, 1960s or 1970s

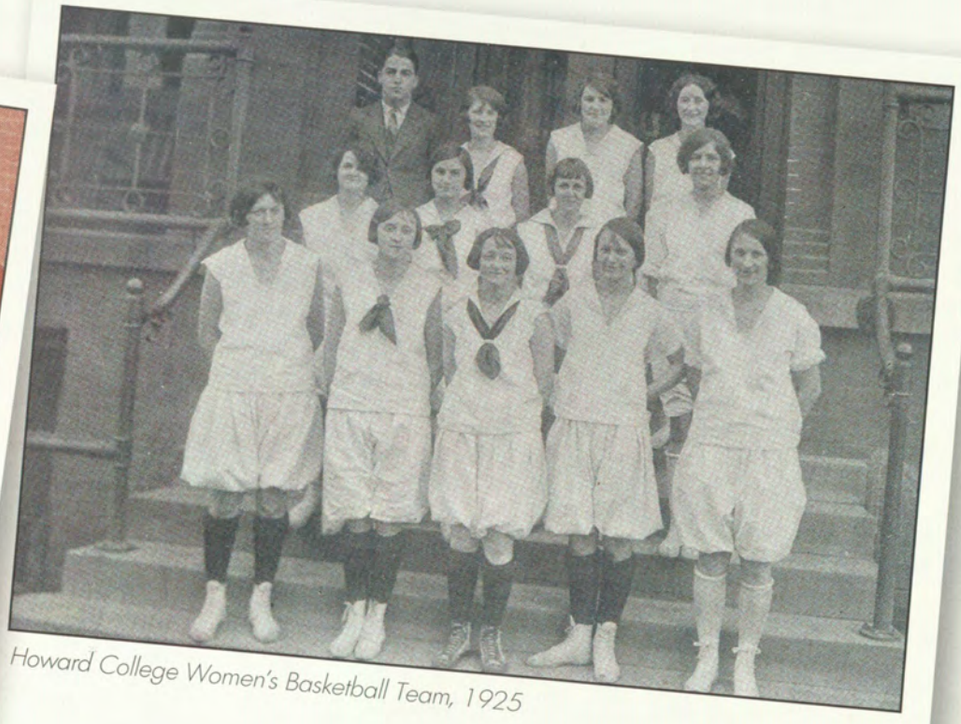


Nursing Students, Undated



Students Showing Off University Logos, 1965





Howard College Women's Basketball Team, 1925

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Past

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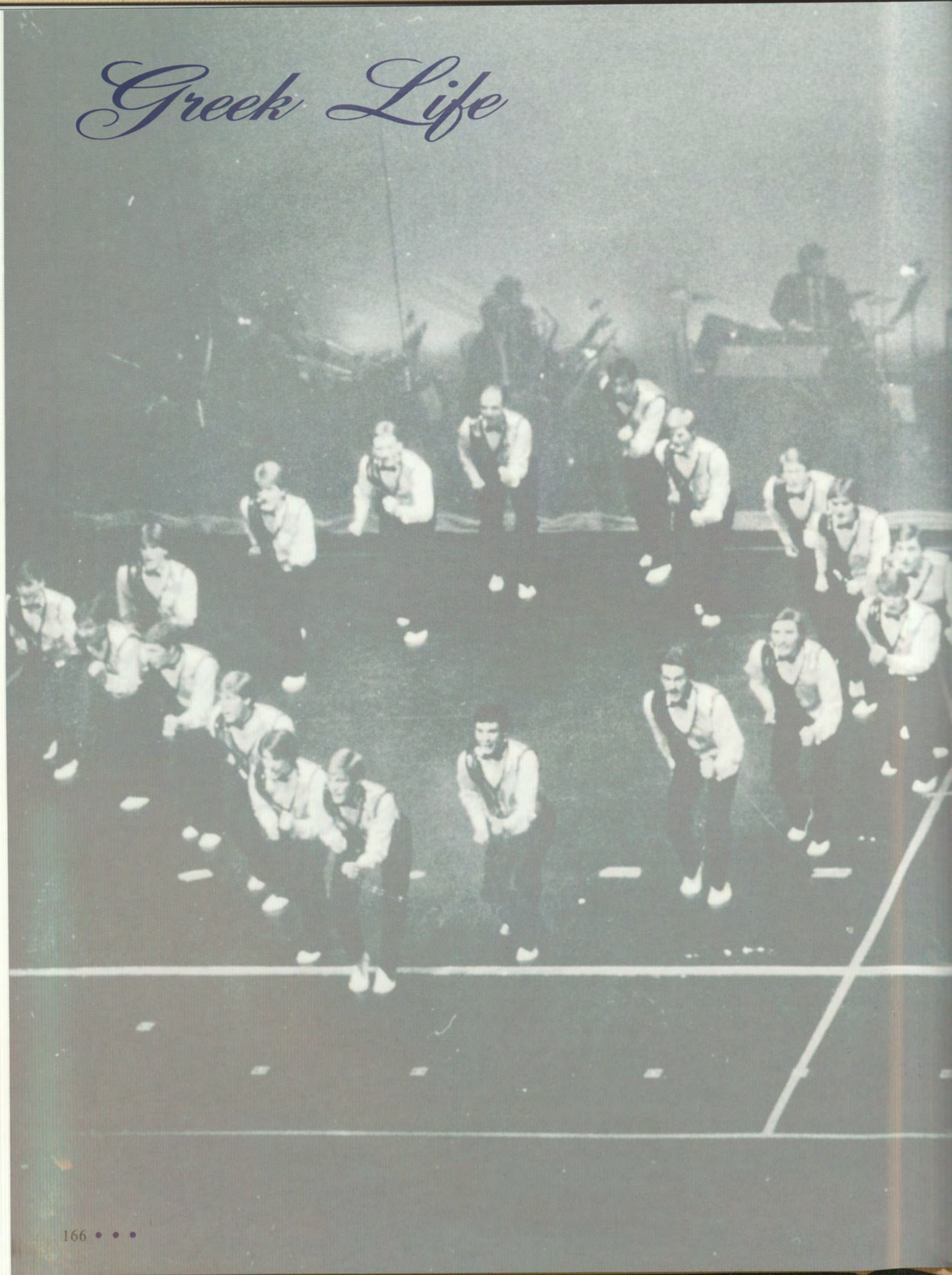
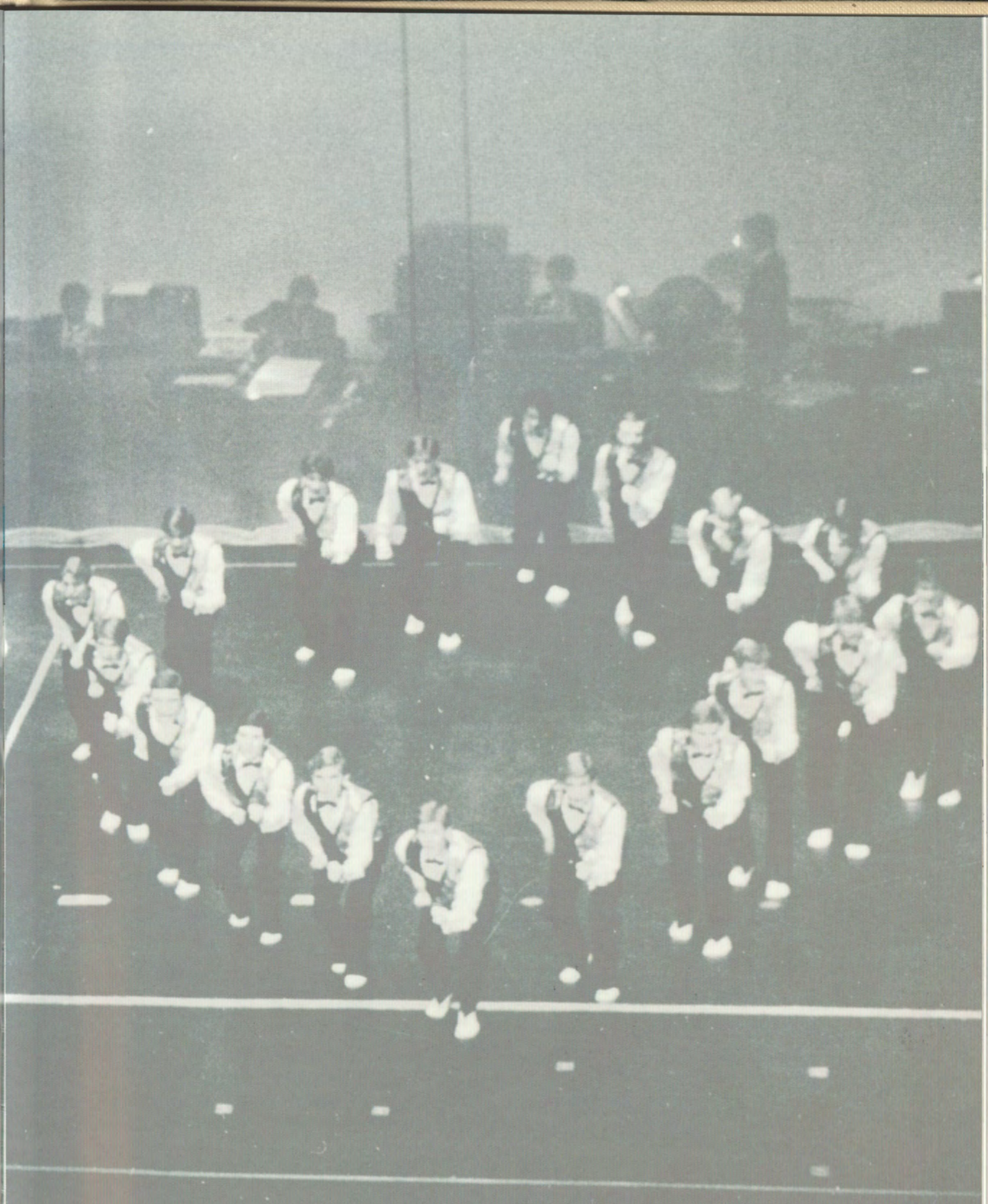
Delta Omicron Music Fraternity, 1975

Greek Life





Sigma Chi in Step Sing, 1985, Special Collection and University Archives

Photos: Members of Greek Life Organizations spent hours preparing during the weeks leading up to recruitment to ensure everything was perfect for the PNMs going through the recruitment process. For both NPC and IFC, recruitment culminated on the celebratory Bid Day when all of their hard work paid off as they eagerly awaited and welcomed the newest additions to their family.

Recruitment

Finding a Home Away From Home

Author: Katie O'Neal
Photographs: Courtesy of Katie O'Neal, Julianne Smith & Abby Zajac

Greek Recruitment consists of a range of emotions as excited upperclassmen open their homes to anxious and thrilled Potential New Members (PNMs). In order to manage all of these overwhelming feelings, a group of disassociated upperclassmen, called Rho Gammas for the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) and Rho Alphas for the Interfraternity Council (IFC), guide and support PNMs through the recruitment process.

"This year, we wanted to find a way to make this experience something meaningful for the long term. The relationship between a PNM and her Rho Gammas is instantly meaningful, and we didn't want that to end on Bid Day," said Vice President of Recruitment for Samford Panhellenic, Anna Tuggle. "Our Rho Gammas were selected based off of their desire to continue to show up for their PNMs long after Recruitment."

This year, Samford's NPC recruitment consisted of three rounds of parties where PNMs learned more about each organization and its sisterhood. After these rounds, the process culminated on Bid Day when PNMs were welcomed into their new homes.

Although a part of NPC, Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. held a unique recruitment process in both the fall and spring semesters.

"We are sensitive to the time and commitment our very active PNMs have to other important organizations, so we do our best to tailor our schedule to our members," said Vice President and Co-Associate of Member Education Jillian Fantin.

Furthermore, IFC hosted four nights of events where prospective members got to know the brothers in each chapter. This process also concluded with their own Bid Day.

Samford's National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) participated in their own recruitment process called Intake, which is a delayed process that takes place after a college GPA is established. To participate in this process, PNMs were required to attend Greek Speak and other interest meetings specific to the chapter they were interested in joining. Additionally, PNMs completed a formal application process and demonstrated their involvement both on and off campus.

No matter which Greek organization students chose to join, Samford Greek Life was dedicated to giving each student the best possible Recruitment experience. The diversity of Greek organizations on campus gives all students the opportunity to connect and grow with a group of supportive, like-minded people throughout their collegiate years.

Bid Day

Celebrating New Beginnings

Author: Katie O'Neal
Photographer: Abby Zajac

Bid Day is the most anticipated day of Recruitment. After a full week of rush, potential new members are eager to discover which sorority or fraternity they will call home.

For NPC, Bid Day 2018 began with Potential New Members (PNMs) gathering outside of Seibert Gymnasium with their rush groups and impatiently waiting for the day to begin. As groups were let into the gym, blaring music and cheering voices filled the air. PNMs and Rho Gammas danced and laughed together to pass time before bid cards were handed out.

"We stood in the gym for such a long time before getting our bid cards and then had to wait to open our bid cards when we got them," said a new member of Alpha Delta Pi, Sarah Morgan Lake. "The whole time I was so scared, but it was like breathing again when we opened them."

Envelopes were ripped open and a joyous roar filled the gymnasium when PNMs discovered which house they would call their home. New members gathered with their respective pledge class and sprinted toward the Quad to join their sisters and celebrate.

As for IFC, PNMs picked up their bid cards from the Office of Greek Life on the morning of Bid Day. Due to weather, new members gathered in Reid Chapel to be united with their new brothers to celebrate the end of rush and join their new fraternities.

The rain did not stop the members of Sigma Chi, Pi Kappa Phi, Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Sigma Nu from gathering outside of Reid Chapel to eagerly welcome their new members. The Quad soon erupted with yelling and cheering as new and old members excitedly greeted each other, shook hands, and hugged one another.

"The experience was an incredible one as I saw our great new men excited to be a part of a great organization," said Alpha Tau Omega member Cooper Christian. "My favorite part was how excited we were to have our new members come to us."

The excitement could be felt across the Quad as new members met their new brothers, took photos together, and went to celebrate.

"My favorite part of Bid Day was welcoming all of the new pledges and getting to go out to dinner with them afterward," said Alpha Tau Omega member Conner Gayda.

The end of fraternity rush marked the end the Bid Day celebrations for the fall semester, but it was a joyous time as PNMs began assimilating into their new organizations.

Photos: Members and PNMs joined together on the Quad to celebrate their Bid Days and start forming new friendships in their respective organizations.

Right: The 2018 Executive Board governed Panhellenic organizations from the spring of 2017 to the end of 2018.
Below: The Panhellenic delegates from each chapter ensured each sorority on Samford's campus was equally represented during the decision making process of Panhellenic.

Below: Without Panhellenic's hard work, Bid Day would have been virtually impossible.

Above: The 2019 Executive Board took over office in the spring of 2018.
Right: After a week of recruitment, the 2018 Executive Board of College Panhellenic saw their hard work pay off when they witnessed the overwhelming joy experienced on Bid Day 2018.

College Panhellenic

Recruitment and Beyond

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Hannah Harris, Preston Little, and Samford Greek Life

College Panhellenic serves as one of the three governing bodies of Greek Life on Samford's campus. Run by six officers selected by the members of the affiliate sororities, the executive board was comprised of young women from Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Phi Mu, and Zeta Tau Alpha.*

The 2018 Executive Board was comprised of the following individuals: President Hillary Block, VP of Administration Nikki DeVenny, VP of Member Development Lauren Piotraczk, VP of Public Relations Payton Walters, VP of Recruitment Anna Tuggle, and VP of Service and Philanthropy Emily Clark.

"Getting involved in the Panhellenic Executive Council was by far one of the best decisions I made at Samford. It pushed me outside of my comfort zone and helped me develop as a leader," Clark said. "I gained a greater perspective on the role of Greek Life at Samford and grew passionate about uniting the sorority community to support women's education around the world."

In addition to enhancing leadership skills within its members, Panhellenic advanced the sorority experience at Samford by dedicating themselves as the guiding hand for recruitment, Bid Day, and beyond.

During the 2018 recruitment season, Panhellenic was responsible for the behind-the-scenes activities of rush. From making sure each recruitment party started on time to enforcing guidelines, Panhellenic ran another successful rush week that brought the sororities new pledge classes comprised of wonderful girls to meet each organization's Variable Quota.

After Bid Day ended, Panhellenic continued their work as they advocated for the sororities on Samford's campus. In doing so, Panhellenic fostered an environment in which women in Greek Life felt empowered to become leaders both within Greek Life and in other organizations on Samford's campus. For example, they adopted the Circle of Sisterhood as their philanthropy, thereby creating a committee with six new leadership positions and two director roles on the Executive Council. The two new directors served alongside the VP of Recruitment resulting in a team approach amongst all sororities during recruitment.

At the start of the spring semester, the 2019 Executive Board took the reigns as they began to plan for 2019 Recruitment. In the midst of their planning, the 2019 Panhellenic continued to keep the women of Samford's Greek Life in their best interest and successfully advocated for the advancement of the women in each sorority.

*Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. is an associate member of the council.

Alpha Omicron Pi

Rho Delta

Author: Katie O'Neal
Photographs: Courtesy of Katie O'Neal & the Sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi

Samford University is home to one of the 206 chapters of Alpha Omicron Pi. The Rho Delta chapter was established at Samford University in May of 1995 and includes over 220 young women. On bid day, the chapter welcomed over 75 new members into their Candyland-themed house.

Alpha Omicron Pi encourages a spirit of fraternity and love among all of its members. In order to do so, the sisters support each other in all of their endeavors during their college experience and beyond. Every day this year, the members of the Rho Delta chapter honored their motto "Inspire Ambition," which was seen through their heavy involvement on campus. Many members were involved in a variety of organizations outside of Greek Life, from Residence Life to Samford Athletics.

"I'm from Texas, which can feel like forever away," said Elizabeth Hannah. "For me, AOII has given me more than sorority sisters, it has given me a family. A home away from home, if you will."

In addition to their on-campus presence, the sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi volunteered their time to help their national philanthropy, the Arthritis Foundation. To raise money for their national philanthropy, the sisters held multiple events from which all of the proceeds were donated to benefit juvenile arthritis Power Packs, camps, and conferences.

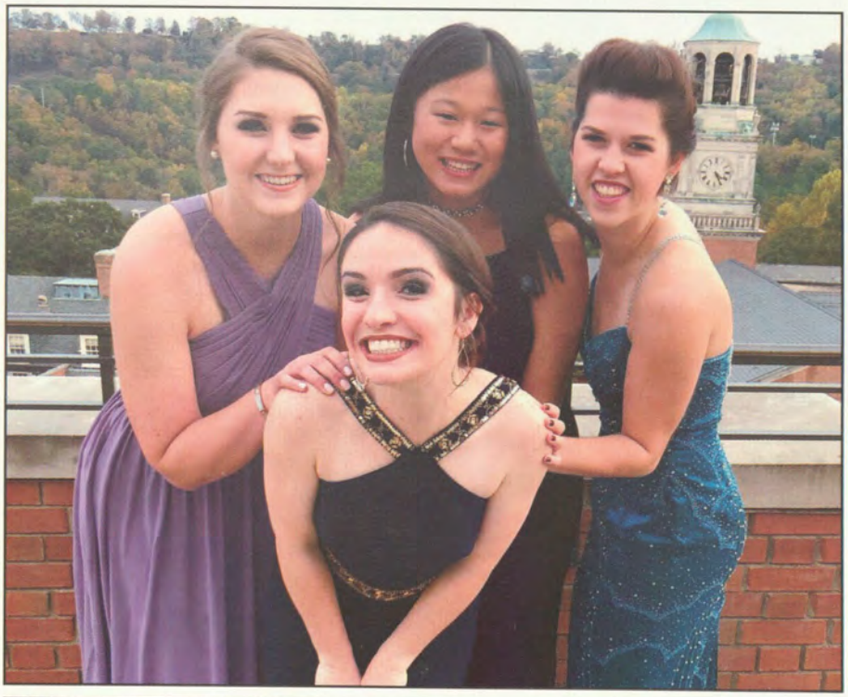
In the fall, the chapter hosted AOII Goes Blue Week to raise awareness for the disease. Additionally, the chapter's first Rose Bowl recruited members from other Greek organizations and the Samford community to participate in a flag football tournament, raising over $5,000 for the Arthritis Foundation. In the spring, the ladies of Alpha Omicron Pi hosted their annual Strike Out Arthritis event, which provided attendees with the opportunity to watch a Birmingham Barons game to help benefit juvenile arthritis.

In addition to their philanthropic efforts, the members of Alpha Omicron Pi honored the bonds formed within their sisterhood. From dances to nights spent in the chapter room, the sisters had ample time to foster a tight-knit, supportive environment.

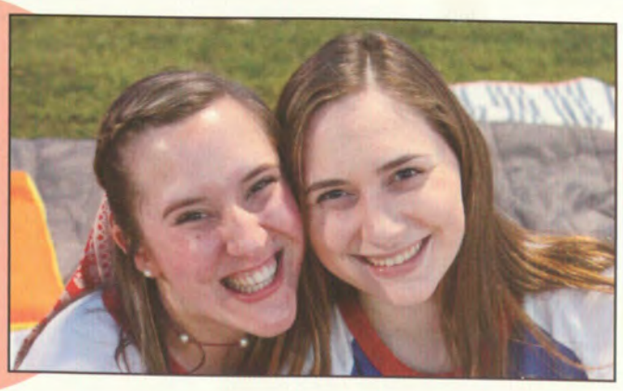
"AOII has been a place for me to be myself," said Anna Hall. "This sisterhood has been a constant support for me through the lonely and stressful parts of college life."

Philanthropy

Strike Out Arthritis



Far Left: Sisters of Alpha Omicron Pi celebrated big/little reveal with four generations of their sorority family present.
Immediate Left: Members commemorated their year and took photos at Samford before heading off for a night of dancing.
Below: At the Greek Draft, Alpha Omicron Pi competed for men's basketball, who they supported throughout their season.



Philanthropy

Ronald McDonald House

Alpha Delta Pi

Kappa

Author: Brandi Waits
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The women of Alpha Delta Pi's Kappa chapter come from all different backgrounds and are on many different paths during their time at Samford University. They are involved in a variety of activities on campus, including Samford athletics, Student Government Association, Samford Ambassadors, and the Samford Recruitment Team.

"Alpha Delta Pi is what unites them all," said Alpha Delta Pi's Public Relations Officer, Ashley Hinson.

The women of Alpha Delta Pi at Samford University have goals in mind for all their endeavors. They strive for greatness in sisterhood, scholarship, Panhellenic, and their philanthropic efforts with the Ronald McDonald House Charity (RMHC), which provides a home environment to support families with ill children.

In order to aid the families staying at RMHC, the sisters volunteered their time in a variety of different ways. From serving meals to enjoying time with the children, Alpha Delta Pi provided hands-on assistance for the families at RMHC. Furthermore, the sisters held multiple philanthropy events throughout the year to raise money for RMHC. All proceeds from the chapter's Run for Ronald 5K and A Night for Ronald, a silent auction, were donated to aid families staying at RMHC.

In addition to the chapter's goals, the sisters of Alpha Delta Pi's Kappa chapter have individual goals that resonated throughout the chapter this year.

"We all have a common goal to better ourselves and our sisters and to lift one another up," Hinson said. "We live for each other."

The sisterhood developed through involvement in the chapter is an integral part of the sorority. Members got together for different sisterhood events, including dinners, dessert runs, study nights, and slumber parties.

"The little things with your sisters are what matter," said Erica Boleyn. "Enjoying quality time with them, whether it is just hanging out in the dorms or getting all dressed up together for formal, is one of the best parts about our sisterhood."

Top: Sisters from the Kappa chapter of Alpha Delta Pi enjoyed each other's company on Samford's quad.
Middle: The sisters enjoyed one of their annual date parties, the Mallard Ball.
Above Left: The sisters took a break from their studies to enjoy a fall day at the pumpkin patch.
Above Right: Members of Alpha Delta Pi explored the city streets and bonded with each other outside of Samford's walls.
Left: Kappa chapter alumna and reigning Miss Samford 2017, Thomason Bryan, crowns her sorority sister, Anna Bain, as Miss Samford 2018.

Chi Omega

Zeta Zeta

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
Photographers: Hannah Harris, Anna Claire Noblitt, & Abby Zajac

Chi Omega is a place where Samford women can find family, community, as well as involvement on Samford's campus and the surrounding Birmingham area. With over 360,000 initiates nationally, Chi Omega is the largest women's fraternal organization in the world and holds to these six founding purposes: friendship, personal integrity, service to others, academic excellence and intellectual pursuits, community and campus involvement, as well as personal and career development,

The Zeta Zeta chapter of Chi Omega was established on Samford's campus in 1963. This year, the chapter recruited 59 new members who have come to Samford from all parts of the country, creating a unique pledge class now united in sisterhood. On Bid Day, these 59 girls ran home to the Chi O Disco party and celebrated with the classic tradition of a trip to Dave's Pizza and Edgewood Creamery.

"I think the 2018 pledge class is unique because they are so caring and kind," said New Member Educator Madeline Kerkvliet, "Each pledge class has a special, unique factor and this year's new member class is full of girls who care deeply and love fiercely."

One way the sisters of Chi O grew together this year is by serving their philanthropy, Make-A-Wish, which works to provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for kids and families who are battling life-threatening illnesses. In the fall semester, Chi Omega hosted Wish Week, a week full of raising awareness and money for the philanthropy. The week included partnerships with America's Thrift Clothing Drive, Chick-fil-A, local bakeries, and PureBarre of Homewood for fundraising. Additionally, the sisters hosted their Wish Market on Ben Brown Plaza for local vendors and students to connect and simultaneously raise support for Make-A-Wish. In the spring, Swishes-for-Wishes, a 3v3 basketball tournament, was held to raise money to grant a wish through Make-A-Wish Alabama. Over 20 teams of Samford students participated in the tournament, and Chi Omega raised over $5,000 for Make-A-Wish.

From their philanthropic efforts to sisterhood events, Chi Omega has served as a home away from home for the members of the Zeta Zeta chapter.

"I decided to take on a leadership role in Chi Omega because I wanted to be able to give back to something that has provided me with so much joy, growth, friendship, compassion, and fun," said 2018 Vice President Kasey Lee.

Like a home away from home, the girls of the Zeta Zeta chapter encouraged one another to grow in all aspects of their life by providing support through all the highs and lows that the school year brought.

"I am beyond grateful for being a leader in Chi O, for I have learned so much about myself and this group of women I get to call home," Kerkvliet said. "Chi Omega is a place where you are never left alone. There is always someone reminding you of how loved you are."

Above: Sisters of Chi Omega celebrated Bid Day in the best way they know possible: Dave's Pizza.
Right: Before heading off to Dave's Pizza, the women in Chi Omega took ample photos to commemorate their disco-themed Bid Day.

Philanthropy

Swishes for Wishes

Above: Whether serving on Panhellenic, behind-the-scenes, or rushing girls, the ladies of Chi Omega worked hard during Recruitment to welcome 59 new members on Bid Day.

Photos: From Bid Bash to tailgates, the sisters of Phi Mu enjoyed the support of their sisters as they took on another school year striving after the sorority's ideals.

Philanthropy

Children's Miracle Network Hospitals

Phi Mu
Alpha Gamma

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographers: Anna Claire Noblitt & Caroline Simmons

The sisters of the Alpha Gamma chapter of Phi Mu have been spreading the sorority's national values of love, honor, and truth since charting the chapter at Howard College on Oct. 23, 1924. As the second-oldest sorority on Samford's campus, the chapter boasts a wide diversity of involved women. The women are involved in activities like Connections Weekend, the Samford Recruitment Team, Student Government Association, Step Sing, Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC), and countless other clubs and honor societies.

Firmly grounded in the ideal that college students should be well-rounded, the sisters of Phi Mu balance scholastic rigor, service to the community, and sisterhood.

"My favorite events in Phi Mu are our sisterhood events," said sophomore Camille Webre. "These events are a constant reminder that I joined the right sisterhood. I needed a support system that would support me, and I couldn't be more thankful."

In addition to their sisterhood, the chapter hosts a variety of social events, including their semi-formal, formal, Bid Bash, date parties, and several socials with other Greek organizations on Samford's campus each year.

Furthermore, the sisters of Phi Mu Alpha Gamma have received awards from Samford and the national headquarters of Phi Mu for their relations with other Panhellenic chapters, the men of the Interfraternity Council, and the chapter's overall grade point average.

Aside from their sisterhood, involvement with the rest of Samford's community, and scholastic achievements, the sisters of Phi Mu value their philanthropic involvement. Phi Mu Alpha Gamma hosted a variety of philanthropy events throughout the school year to support their national philanthropy, the Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Their philanthropy events included the Bonnamu Benefit Concert in the fall, their annual car wash in the spring, Pancakes in Ben Brown on National Pancake Day, Roses for Riches on Valentine's Day, and a night of nachos in the spring. Furthermore, Phi Mu Alpha Gamma aided Compassion International through their support of two children in need.

All things considered, the sisters of Phi Mu are proud to wear their letters, pink and white colors, or event shirts all across Samford's campus. The chapter is a close-knit group of young women who support one another as they serve God and their community. They are proud to share the campus with other students and Greek organizations and look forward to continuing to make Samford a better place for everyone on campus.

Zeta Tau Alpha

Delta Psi

Author: Lauren Engle
Photographs: Courtesy of Kelsey Richardson, Zeta Historian and Committee

The sorority of Zeta Tau Alpha was founded on the ideals of sisterhood, love, and friendship. These values have truly represented the core pursuits of Samford's Delta Psi chapter since its establishment in 1965. This year, members sustained their focus on these principles while simultaneously balancing involvement in activities across campus.

"Zetas are involved all across campus. I think that is because of how diverse this chapter is," said junior and Secretary of the Executive Board, Haley Schneider. "Our girls are so different from one another, and we all get the chance to come together because of the bond we share through Zeta."

This year, 53 girls were invited to join the unique bond of sisterhood in Zeta Tau Alpha. For the next four years, these brand new members will get the chance to experience the sisterhood, love, and friendship abundant in Samford's Delta Psi chapter.

Throughout the school year, the sorority engaged in all sorts of activities. From functions to service projects, the members of Zeta Tau Alpha kept busy. For their date party, Zetas got creative with their semiannual Paint Party. Members and their dates enjoyed throwing paint at one another while dancing to music.

Aside from functions, Zeta created additional outlets for spiritual growth. Delta Psi started hosting worship nights for the first time in the chapter's history, and the chapter is hopeful that they will continue to unite people across campus for years to come. In addition to worship nights, Zeta also formed a worship team that is open for all members to join.

The national philanthropy of Zeta Tau Alpha is Think Pink, which is a group that focuses on breast cancer education and awareness. This year, Zetas did an incredible job of promoting their philanthropy on campus, especially throughout the month of October, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Throughout October, Zeta hosted multiple spirit nights, a bake sale, a tailgate, and a Think Pink volleyball game. The volleyball game, commonly known as Volley for a Cure, was a successful event that raised a significant amount of money in support of Zeta's philanthropy.

Additionally, nearly 30 members of the Delta Psi chapter also traveled to Tuscaloosa for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk.

"It was so great to join different Zetas from other schools for the walk. I love that this philanthropy has the ability to unite us all," said senior Zeta Alexa Haines.

United under their love for their philanthropy and each other, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha look forward to another year defined by sisterhood, love, and friendship.

Philanthropy

Think Pink

Photos: From workout classes to mixers, the sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha ensured they spent enough quality time together to foster relationships that will last a lifetime.

Photos: From their colorful Bid Day to events that further bonded their sisterhood such as formal and big little reveal, the sisters of Tri Delta were thick as thieves b the end of the school yea

Philanthropy

St. Jude

Delta Delta Delta

Epsilon Xi

Author: Natalie Phillips
Photographers: Andrew Clark, Emily Clark, Abby Zajac and Tri Delta

In 1888, Sarah Ida Shaw was a senior at Boston University. While there were already three established women's groups on campus, Shaw saw a need for a different organization that would "be kind, alike to all, and think more of the girl's inner self and character than of her personal appearance." Thus, Shaw, along with her three best friends, created Delta Delta Delta. Some 128 years later, the Epsilon Xi chapter of Tri Delta was established on Samford University's campus.

Tri Delta is the newest on-campus sorority at Samford, and it is strong in numbers with only two years behind the chapter. After giving a bid to a little over 90 PNMs, the chapter boasts 227 members who all strive to "steadfastly love one another," per their motto.

Since the 1970s, Tri Delta's chosen philanthropy has been cancer charities for children. In 1990, Tri Delta formed an official national philanthropic relationship with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Since then, the 141 chapters of Tri Delta have raised over $50 million for St. Jude with the Epsilon Xi chapter raising over $40,000 since its inception in 2016. In order to continue to raise funds, the chapter dedicated itself to fulfilling its philanthropic values with a variety of different events during the 208-2019 academic year. In the fall, the sisters hosted Delta House of Pancakes to raise awareness for their national philanthropy while serving an overabundance of pancakes. In the spring, the chapter hosted Let's Taco 'Bout St. Jude, which provided free tacos to guests as an opportunity for the sisters to teach them more about St. Jude. In addition to a bake sale, the sisters ended the semester partnering with Sigma Nu to host a country music concert.

Apart from their philanthropic efforts, the sisters of the Epsilon Xi chapter made a positive impact on campus through their uplifting sisterhood. Valuing their inner characteristics over outward appearance, the relationships between the members of Tri Delta exemplify what it means to be a true friend.

Still growing, the chapter was thankful for the addition of their new pledge class and look forward to the future impact they will make on Samford's campus through their philanthropy and uplifting sisterhood.

Delta Xi Phi, Inc.

Omega Associate Chapter

Author: Becca Weatherford
Photographs: Courtesy of The Sisters of Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc.

Chartered on Samford University's campus in May of 2012, the Omega Associate chapter of Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. has made it their mission to spread multicultural awareness, serve the Birmingham community, and empower women in all aspects of their lives. The sisters of Delta Xi Phi are proud to carry on the legacy established by the 15 founding women who had a vision of a better community on the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign in 1994. In all that they did during the 2018-2019 school year, the sisters focused on their five pillars: advancement of women through education, increasing multicultural awareness, community service, sisterhood, and friendship.

With the foundation's motto, "What's possible has been done. What's impossible must be done" in mind, the sisters of Delta Xi Phi made it their priority to be inclusive of all people that walk onto Samford's campus.

"Delta Xi Phi is the only multicultural Greek organization at Samford. If I'm honest, Delta Xi Phi is one of the main reasons I remained at Samford," said junior Jillian Fantin. "The dedication these members have for each other and for making Samford a more educated, inclusive campus is incredible, admirable, and utterly necessary for Samford. We all have mutual respect for each other and are constantly educating ourselves in order to promote inclusivity, multicultural education, and the education of women. Delta Xi Phi truly does mean the world to me."

Likewise, President Jamie Davenport stated: "Even though we're a relatively small sorority, I think that makes it a lot easier to bond with everyone in our chapter and nationally and form a tight-knit sisterhood. Our mission is a unique and important one, especially at Samford where each member has a big voice in the direction we take with events. I'm eager to see how our new sisters will steer the sorority."

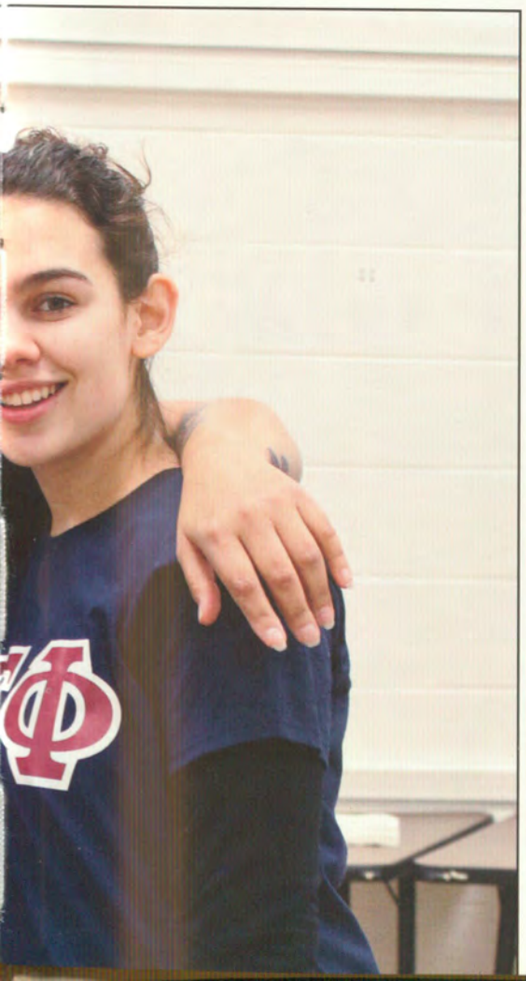
Though its membership is still growing, Delta Xi Phi planned several activities to engage Samford's entire campus during the school year. For example, the sorority hosted a Black Poetry Night, discussed race and media after a showing of *Get Out*, and co-hosted several events with other student organizations, such as Dia de Los Muertos with the Spanish Club. Without a doubt, the sorority strived to hold events that were atypical for most Greek organizations with the hopes of attracting an audience from all corners of campus.

The sisters of Delta Xi Phi are proud of their small, yet powerful, group that strived to spread a community of strength and love for all women on Samford's campus and throughout the Birmingham community this year. As such, they hope to further grow their sorority and its impact in the years to follow as they willingly welcome new members.

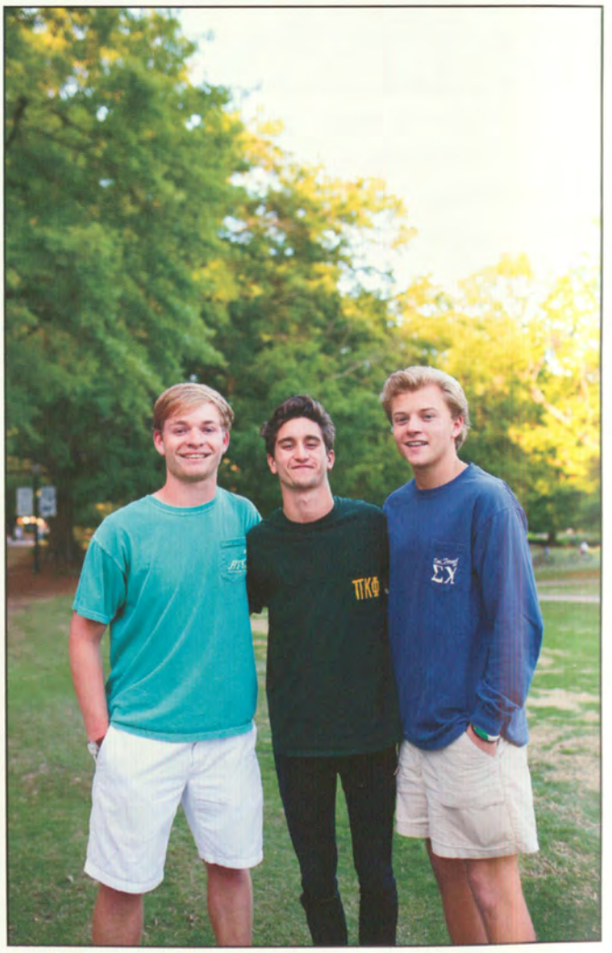
Photos: Whether it be something as simple as grabbing a quick photo or enjoying each other's company in Ben Brown, the sisters were proud to stand side-by-side one another throughout the year.

Philanthropy

American Cancer Society



Far Right: The hard work of the 2018 Executive Board laid the foundation for all goals the 2019 Executive Board (pictured immediately below) and their council members will strive to achieve during the upcoming fall semester.



Interfraternity Council

Transforming the Fraternity Experience

Author: Emily Clark
Photographs: Courtesy of Samford University Office of Greek Life

Samford University's Interfraternity Council (IFC) oversees the five fraternities on campus. As the governing body of these fraternities, IFC promotes unity between the chapters and advocates for the Greek experience as a whole by planning recruitment, service, and educational events and promoting growth for all fraternity members.

"I have loved the opportunity to work with the Interfraternity Council this year. I am proud of the accomplishments these men have made as they served the Greek community," said the Assistant Director of Greek Life, Luis Aponte.

IFC is composed of six officers who represent a diverse group of organizations. 2018 officers included: President and member of Alpha Tau Omega, Kyle Church; Vice President of Administration and member of Pi Kappa Phi, Joel Garner; Vice President of Scholarship and member of Sigma Chi, Jake Massey; Vice President of Programming and member of Alpha Tau Omega, Marcus Witzel; Vice President of Public Relations and member of Sigma Chi, Corey Kalish; and Vice President of Membership and member of Pi Kappa Phi, Taylor McCarley.

The 2018 officer council focused on improving the fraternity experience at Samford. One way IFC accomplished this goal was by implementing a mentorship program into the recruitment process.

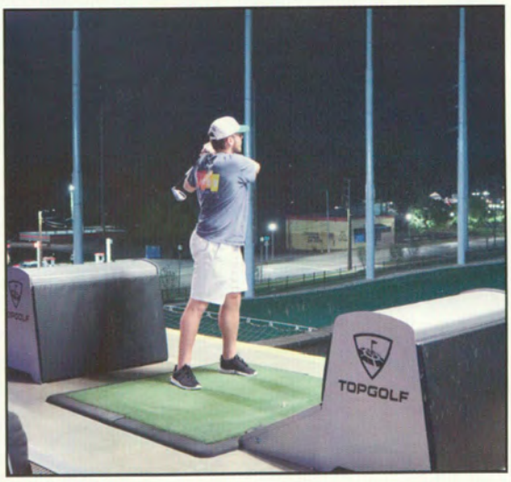
This year, upperclassmen Rho Alphas guided the men going through recruitment. Rho Alphas played a key role in making the IFC recruitment process more intentional.

Also, IFC enhanced the fraternity experience by increasing awareness about mental health on campus. To cultivate more understanding of mental health concerns, Dr. Rich Yoakum, Director of Samford's Counseling Services, spent time with each chapter discussing relevant topics surrounding mental health and available resources on campus to assist in managing mental health concerns.

November marked the changing of leadership with the installation of the 2019 IFC officers. These officers include: President and member of Sigma Chi, Ben Shirley; Vice President of Administration and member of Alpha Tau Omega, Preston Bates; Vice President of Scholarship and member of Sigma Nu, Will Southall; Vice President of Programming and member of Pi Kappa Phi, Chase Peterson; Vice President of Public Relations and member of Pi Kappa Phi, Bo Burgess; and Vice President of Recruitment and member of Sigma Chi, John Purnell.

The 2019 IFC officers are building upon the success of the 2018 officers and continuing to improve the fraternity experience for all members at Samford.

Photos: The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega enjoyed a night of brotherhood and bonding away from Samford's campus at Topgolf.



Philanthropy

Tausgiving

Alpha Tau Omega

Kappa Rho

Author: Brandi Waits
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Samford's Alpha Tau Omega Kappa Rho chapter is engaged in dedicated brotherhood and philanthropic efforts to achieve their goals. Since the members of the Kappa Rho chapter do not have a house to call their own on Samford's campus, they strive to create strong and intentional bonds with one another. To achieve close bonds with one another, the brothers engage in countless opportunities to maintain their bond, including intramural sports teams, trips to Topgolf, study sessions, and sharing meals in the cafeteria. Through their efforts toward maintaining their brotherhood this year, the brothers positively influenced each other and encouraged one another to accomplish their goals as a chapter and as individuals.

In addition to their brotherhood, the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega focused their efforts on aiding the Birmingham community with two philanthropies: Magic City Woodworks and the Greater Birmingham Humane Society. The brothers have a deep connection with Magic City Woodworks, which is a non-profit organization that provides apprenticeships to unemployed men throughout the Birmingham area.

"We believe in their mission to help create good, hardworking men in and around Birmingham," said President Sam Fink. Furthermore, the brothers stepped in to assist the Greater Birmingham Humane Society when all the animals held by animal control fell to the humane society creating a great need for assistance. In order to raise money for both organizations, the brothers of the Kappa Rho chapter hold multiple philanthropy events, including a food truck festival and their annual "Tausgiving." The food truck festival provided guests with a variety of vendors to grab a bite to eat while mingling with their peers and enjoying live music.

All the efforts of the brothers of Alpha Tau Omega's Kappa Rho chapter shared a common goal that is represented by their creed created by the fraternity's founder, Otis Allan Glazebrook:

"To bind men together in a brotherhood based upon eternal and immutable principles, with a bond as strong as right itself and as lasting as humanity; to know no North, no South, no East, no West, but to know man as man, to teach that true men the world over should stand together and contend for supremacy of good over evil; to teach, not politics, but morals; to foster, not partisanship, but the recognition of true merit wherever found; to have no narrower limits within which to work together for the elevation of man than the outlines of the world: these were the thoughts and hopes uppermost in the minds of the founders of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity."

Pi Kappa Phi

Alpha Eta

Author: Anna Claire Noblitt
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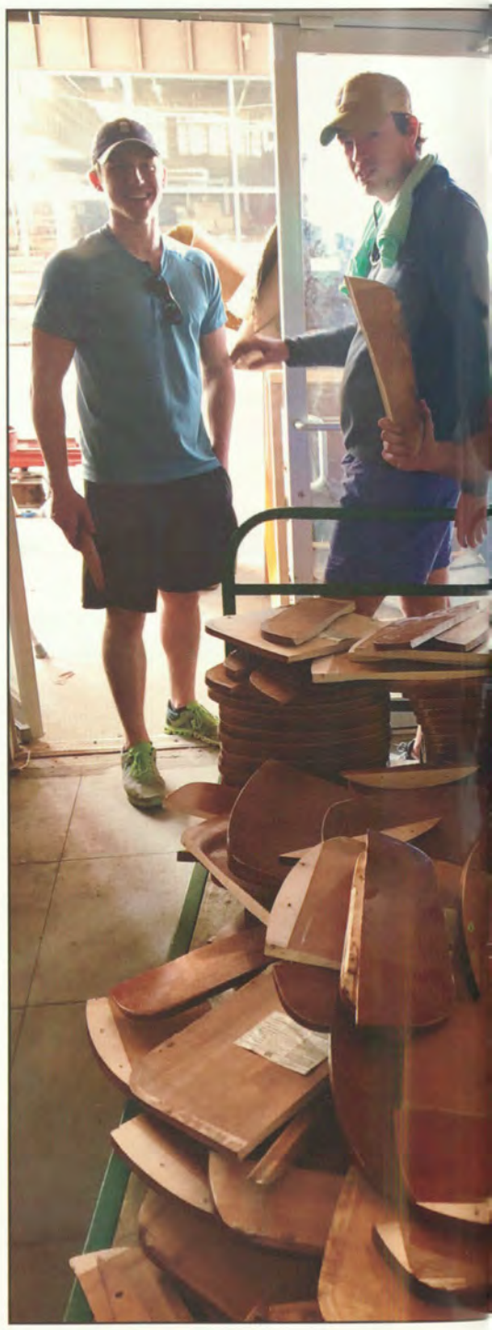


Established in 1904, Pi Kappa Phi has rapidly spread to boast over 120,000 members nationwide. Founded nearly 20 years after the inception of the organization, the Alpha Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at Samford University was established in 1925. Since then, the chapter has played a vital role on Samford's campus as the men of the chapter pursue their ideals. Committed to a lifelong brotherhood, the brothers of the Alpha Eta chapter worked hard this year to lead each other to become loyal, responsible, and involved men.

"I believe our chapter's role here at Samford has been most impactful through the lives our brothers lead. In the past year, two of our brothers were Orientation Leaders, two were Connections Coordinators, 20 were Connections Leaders, 10 were Samford Ambassadors, and 10 were on the Samford Recruitment Team," said President Clayton Long. "Our brothers are deeply entrenched members of the Samford community and work to give back to the University we hold dear."

Rooted in tradition, the fraternity filled the school year with some of their favorite Pi Kapp conventions. From recruitment at Dave's Pizza to their passionate Step Sing performance, the brothers of the Alpha Eta chapter engaged in a variety of traditional activities that fostered a close-knit community.

"One of my favorite traditions within Pi Kapp at Samford is participating in Step Sing with all the guys. Step Sing is obviously predominantly a Samford tradition, but to spend 40 hours over the course of three weeks with everyone is a blast," said senior Garrett Galloway. "We have our own Pi Kapp traditions that take place during Step Sing, too, which makes the season all the more fun."

The fraternity's Step Sing traditions include singing certain songs before the first show, hiding in bushes, and booing themselves off the stage.

"This specific tradition started a few years back when Pi Kapp was so bad at Step Sing that the boos were deserved, and we've done it ever since," Layton said.

Aside from their commitment to their brotherhood, Pi Kappa Phi was also committed to their national philanthropy, The Ability Experience. Thus, the fraternity supported the organization's mission to create opportunities for the disabled by holding multiple fundraisers, such as a car wash and their annual Penny Wars drive.

Through dedication to their brotherhood and philanthropic efforts, the Alpha Eta chapter of Pi Kappa Phi had another successful school year of following in the footsteps of their honorable founders. As such, the brothers look forward to another year during which they hope to build upon their strong foundation.

Brotherhood

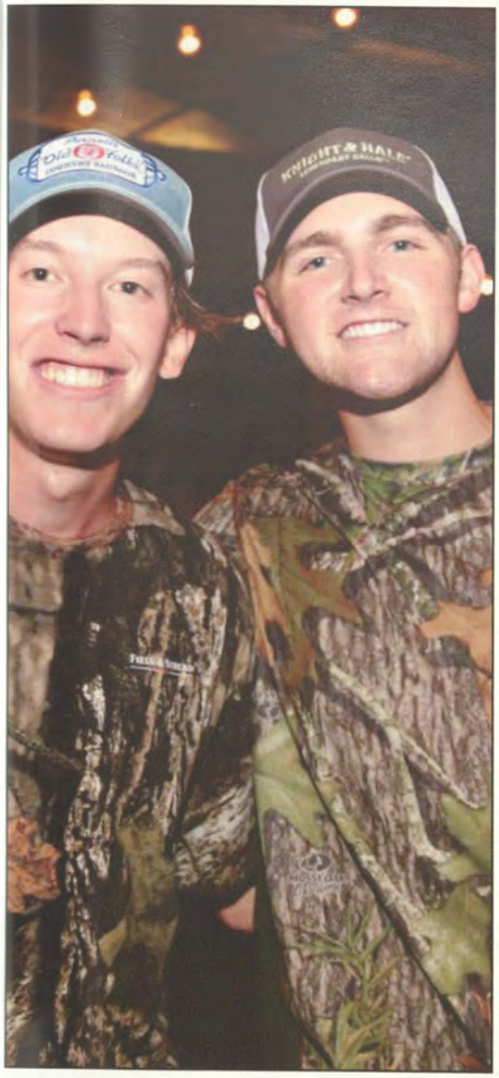
Lifelong Brotherhood

Photos: The brothers of Pi Kappa Phi stood by each other from their day of service with Samford Gives Back to their enjoyable functions and everything in between.

Philanthropy

Derby Days

Photos: The brothers of Sigma Chi enjoyed an assortment of activities this year, from participating in Derby Days, a week-long philanthropy event to benefit the Huntsman Cancer Institute, to hosting the Sigma Chi Dance and competing in the Chili Cook-Off.



Sigma Chi

Pi Chapter

Author: Morgan Johnson
Photographs: Courtesy of the Brothers of Sigma Chi

Between many hardships and victories, this year was unique for the Pi chapter of Sigma Chi at Samford University. This fall semester, Samford tragically lost one of our own students, Griffin Vickers, who was a member of Sigma Chi. This was a hard time for the student body, especially for the brotherhood of Sigma Chi. However, the chapter's perseverance shows through the many successes the members accomplished in the face of hardship.

"We have gone through a couple of really hard things this year," said President Hampton Dortch. "These are things that we would do anything to take back, but I believe that because of them it has made us so much stronger."

Dortch was especially proud of the overall involvement and leadership roles held by members of Sigma Chi all across campus throughout the year. To name a few, many brothers served as Samford Ambassadors, tour guides for the Samford Recruitment Team, and Orientation Leaders. Additionally, over half of the fraternity participated in this year's Step Sing, and the chapter placed first in the Men's Division.

In addition to their involvement in Samford-run organizations and events, the brothers of Sigma Chi held a variety of philanthropic events that positively impacted the Samford community. During the spring, the chapter held Derby Days, a week-long philanthropy event, to benefit the Huntsman Cancer Institute. Throughout the week, Samford sororities competed in a variety of events, including a field day and Penny Wars, to raise awareness.

"Overall, I really appreciate the fraternity because it is full of creative guys with high achieving goals and aspirations," said New Member Educator Cooper Reynolds. "Being able to be around those sorts of people constantly only makes you want to do more yourself."

Photos: Sigma Chi brothers enjoyed another successful Rush Season, took part in philanthropy for the Royal Rangers Foundation and had some fun at the Mallard Ball.

Sigma Nu

Iota

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographer: Joe Tarabella

The Iota chapter of Sigma Nu was established in 1879 at Howard College as the fifth fraternity on campus. Since then, the brothers of Sigma Nu have experienced a variety of different memberships as a chapter.

This year, as the men of Sigma Nu strived to restore their designated housing for the 2019-2020 school year, the chapter worked hard to uphold the creeds and values of both their fraternity and Samford University.

The men of the Iota chapter were dedicated to upholding the three aspects of their creed: believing in the life of love, walking in the way of honor, and serving in the light of truth. Throughout the year, the men upheld their creed through pursuing brotherhood and philanthropy rooted in love, honor, and truth.

The Iota chapter committed their time to a variety of different philanthropic events throughout the 2018-2019 school year. During the year, they made efforts to support their national philanthropy, the Educational Foundation, and their chapter philanthropy, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

In support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the brothers held two different events to raise awareness and funds for the foundation. After months of planning, the brothers held a concert and suicide prevention walk during the spring semester.

"Both the concert and walk benefited our chapter philanthropy," said President Jordan Weaver. "The concert also partially benefitted Tri Delta's philanthropy, St. Jude. Clay Barker, an up and coming country artist, played the concert. Combined, these events raised over $9,000."

As proven by their philanthropic efforts, the men of Sigma Nu's Iota chapter have displayed their commitment to being ethical leaders. Aligning with Samford's mission to "nurture persons in their development of intellect, creativity, faith, and personhood" the leaders of Sigma Nu look forward to transforming the chapter into one dedicated to love, honor, and truth in the years to come.

Photos: From their philanthropic efforts to meetings attended as a whole chapter, the men of Sigma Nu dedicated their year to growth defined by the values of the fraternity and Samford University.

Philanthropy

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Brotherhood

Perfect Brotherly Love

Lambda Chi Alpha

Theta Alpha Zeta

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha

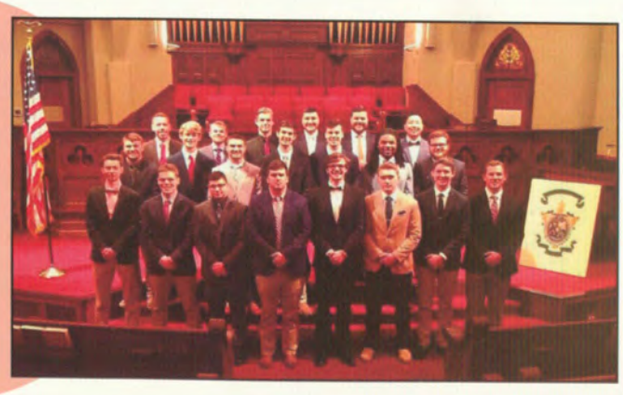
The Theta Alpha Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha has had a long- standing history on Samford's campus dating back to 1919 when the university was known as Howard College. Since then, the organization has grown in its brotherhood as they pursue the national values of Lambda Chi Alpha.

As a fraternity, Lambda Chi Alpha is dedicated to three strategic initiatives: member experience, growth, and partnerships. Adhering to their initiatives this year, the Theta Alpha Zeta chapter was committed to forming a brotherhood that approached the ideal of "perfect brotherly love" as stated in their creed. To promote growth amongst this brotherhood, the chapter focused on carrying out their mission to equip men to lead a life characterized by growth, service, and leadership. In order to carry out their mission, the chapter focused on creating partnerships that would help inspire the men of the chapter to continually develop according to the fraternity's mission.

Aside from the betterment of the men in the chapter, the Theta Alpha Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha also focused on philanthropic efforts throughout the school year. Dedicated to making the world a better place, the men of the Theta Alpha Zeta chapter volunteered their time to benefit more than one philanthropic effort. Perhaps their biggest philanthropic partnership was with the Food Drive, which is Lambda Chi Alpha's national philanthropy and supported by all Lambda Chi Alpha chapters nationwide.

In support of the Food Drive, the brothers hosted their annual volleyball tournament and Watermelon Festival. In addition to the Food Drive, the brothers also assisted organizations such as Children's Hospital, Kid One Transport, and the American Cancer Society.

All in all, the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha had another successful school year as they carried out the mission of their organization. From supporting one another in brotherhood to aiding a variety of different philanthropic organizations, the brothers of the Theta Alpha Zeta chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha continued to embrace their fraternity's values and look forward to doing so once again during the 2019-2020 school year.



National Pan-Hellenic Council

Unifying Samford's Campus

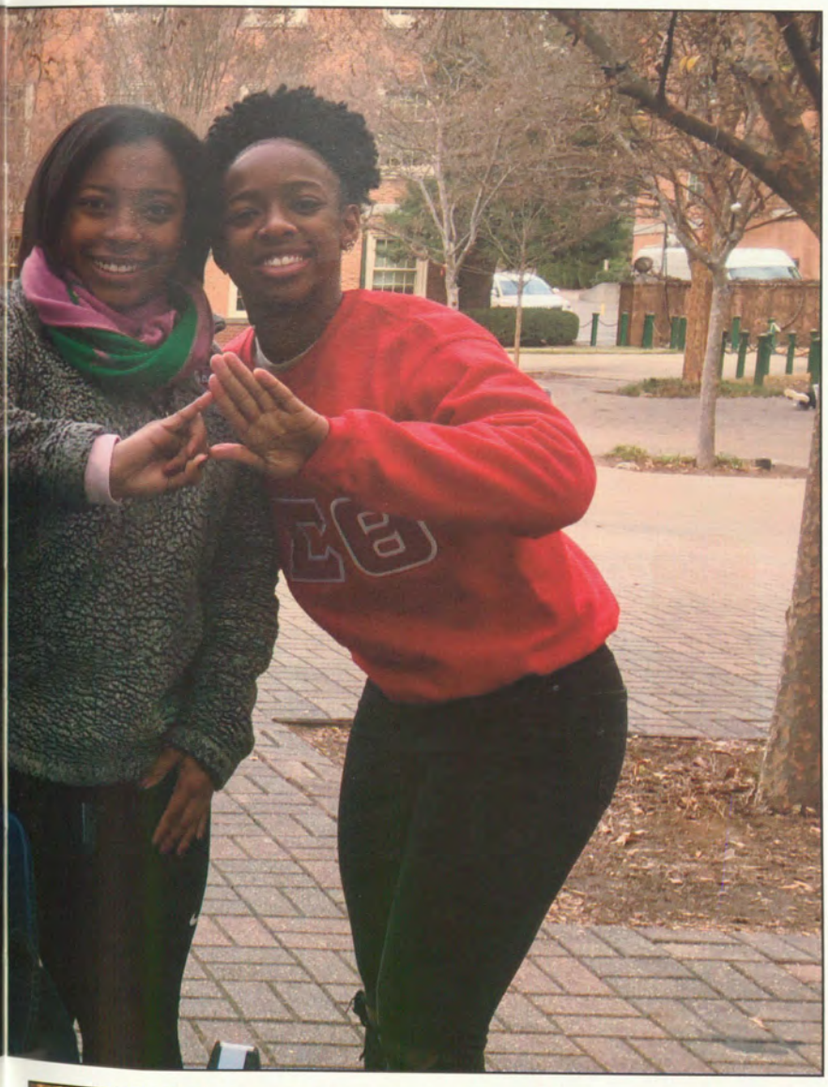
Author: Katie O'Neal
Photograph: Courtesy of Tatiana Taylor

The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) encompasses 9 fraternities and sororities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, and Iota Phi Theta Fraternity. The installment of NPHC on campus in 2010 marked Samford as one of the campuses to be involved in the international organization.

Samford's campus is home to 3 of the 9 fraternities and sororities that make up the NPHC: The Theta Iota chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the Omicron Mu chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Sigma Eta chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. As the governing body, NPHC fosters support amongst each organization while emphasizing friendship, leadership, and academic excellence throughout the school year. Additionally, NPHC promoted community service with each of its member organizations hosting a variety of fundraisers and charity events during the 2018-2019 school year.

In the fall of 2018, each NPHC organization began the governing body's traditional recruitment process. The membership intake process, which was comprised of interest meetings and formal applications, delayed membership until a Samford GPA was established. In order to be considered for membership, potential new members had to meet an organization's specific requirements, which centered around GPA, community and campus involvement, and recommendation letters.

For the 2019-2020 school year, Samford's NPHC organizations invite all members of the student body to reach out to see if they might be a good fit to join. Students can apply to one of the organizations to receive an interview in hopes of joining Samford's growing NPHC.



Photos: From raising awareness on campus to studying, members of NPHC could be found together all across campus.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Omicron Mu

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Alexis Peaks

In 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) was established at Howard College in Washington, D.C., which makes it the oldest Greek organization established by African American, college-educated women. Since then, the organization has had a long history of making a positive impact on over a thousand different college campuses.

In the tradition of the historical organization, the Omicron Mu chapter created history on Samford's campus as well. Chartered in 1988, Omicron Mu was the first Greek African American organization on Samford's campus.

Since the chapter's establishment in 1988, the chapter has strived to fulfill the organization's motto: "Service to all mankind." Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, the chapter held a variety of service events to support their philanthropy, Sickle Cell Anemia. Some of their events included "Pie an AKA" and Steel City Pops alongside a Sickle Cell table to raise awareness for the disease on Samford's campus.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha is an international sorority whose goal is to provide a prosperous atmosphere for collegiate women and to serve all mankind," said President Alexis Peaks. "The Omicron Mu chapter is particularly special because we are able to harmonize with each other on a closer level due to our smaller numbers. Our strong bonds help us create unity and serve both on and off campus.

Committed to the values of AKA, the sorority also supported the professional and personal development of all of its members. Throughout the year, the sorority accomplished many academic, personal, and social goals alongside their trusted sorority sisters. Standing by one another throughout their hardships and triumphs during the year, the sisters of AKA fostered a lifelong bond that reflects the organization's values and look forward to the years to come together.

Philanthropy

Sickle Cell

DWIGHT M. BEESON HALL

Above: Members from Pan-Hellenic organizations came together for a night of fun and fellowship.
Right: Members of Alpha Phi Alpha supported the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. by participating in their pageant to raise educational awareness.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Tau Iota

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of Roland Adams & The Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Dating back to 1906 at Cornell University, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. is the first intercollegiate Greek fraternity established for African Americans. Nearly 100 years later, the Tau Iota chapter was established at Samford University in 2000 centered around manly deeds, scholarship, and love for all mankind.

Since the fraternity's establishment on Samford's campus, the Tau Iota chapter has since grown onto The University of Alabama at Birmingham's campus. Thus, the Tau Iota chapter is comprised of students from both Samford and UAB, which provides a unique fraternal experience unlike any other. Across both campuses, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha work to embody the ideals of the fraternity under their motto, "First of All, Servants of All, We Shall Transcend All."

In effort to live out their motto, the Tau Iota chapter embraces the fraternity's areas of focus that were established on a national level. The three areas of focus were established to guide the brothers to dedicate their time and resources to form a community of men that are ambitious and noble. The three areas of focus include Special Initiatives, which allows the organization to respond to pressing issues affecting the African American community, National Programs that encourage voter engagement, mentoring, education, and elder care, and Alpha Foundations that further their charitable efforts in the community.

In addition to their commitment to developing men passionate about serving the community, the fraternity works to foster a spirit of community within its chapter as well. In order to do so, the organization stands strong behind their anti-hazing mission and encourages brotherly bonding that will last a lifetime. Through these brotherly bonds, the members of Alpha Phi Alpha encourage one another to embody the fraternity's values.

Thus, with the support of their brothers, members are committed to fulfilling the standards of the organization. As the chapter looks forward to next year, the brothers from both campuses hope to continue their mission in making the world a better place through their commitment to their three areas of focus.

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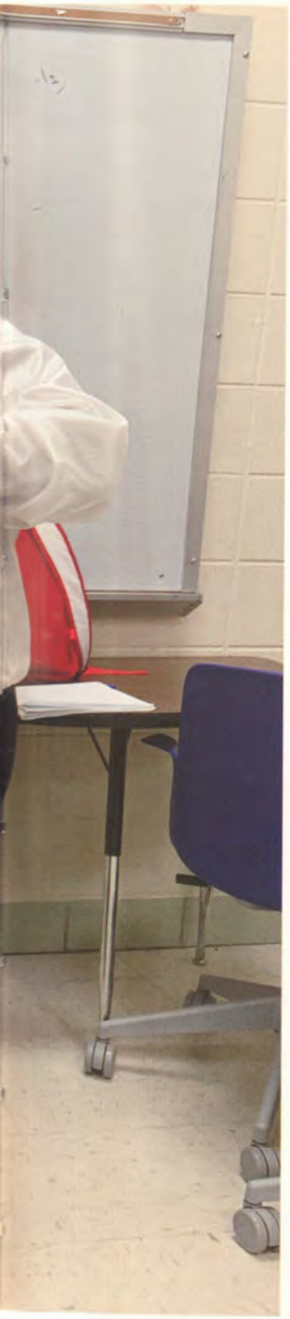
ALPHA PHI ALPHA

Logo retrieved from Alpha Phi Alpha's national website

Left: Sisters from the Iota Lambda chapter at UAB came to support the Sigma Eta chapter during their suicide prevention event.
Below: Sisters of the Sigma Eta chapter posed for quick photos before a formal event and welcomed students onto campus at the start of the spring semester.

Philanthropy

Five-Point Programmatic Thrust



Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Sigma Eta

Author: Ally Sorrells
Photographs: Courtesy of the Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

Established in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has a long-standing history as a service organization. As a nonprofit organization, the sorority has dedicated itself to bettering the community with over 1,000 different chapters.

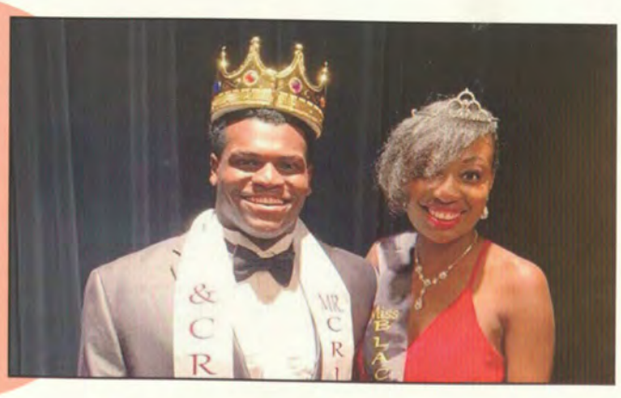
After three years of hard work to establish the organization on Samford's campus, the first 11 members of the Sigma Eta chapter were initiated to Delta Sigma Theta in 1995. Since then, the ladies of the Sigma Eta chapter have been dedicated to the ideals of the chapter.

Since their establishment, the women of the Sigma Eta chapter have strived to better the world through service to the community. To accomplish their mission of service, the sisters of Delta Sigma Theta worked to fulfill the organization's Five-Point Programmatic Thrust, which is comprised of economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement.

During the year, the Sigma Eta chapter partnered with various organizations to serve the community under the guidance of their Five-Point Programmatic Thrust. Assisting with educational development in the community, the sisters partnered with Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and hosted a pageant to raise awareness for educational advancement. To increase international awareness and involvement in the community, the women partnered with Grace Missions Chez Moi Orphanage in Haiti. As for their physical and mental health thrust, the chapter partnered with the American Red Heart Association and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Finally, the chapter held a voter registration day for elections to fulfill the organization's political awareness and involvement thrust.

By working to fulfill their Five-Point Programmatic Thrust and partnering with various organization, the ladies of the Sigma Eta chapter of Delta Sigma Theta successfully honored the values of the organization through embodying uncompromising commitment to the surrounding community and beyond.

The chapter looks forward to continuing their service efforts throughout the years to come and is thankful for the support found in the Samford community that makes their involvement in the community all the much more enjoyable.



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Air Force ROTC, 1978

Greek Week, 1962

Ground Breaking for the Ralph W. Beeson University Center, 1971

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Students Taking a Break Between Classes in the Women's Dormitory, 1947

Editing the Howard Crimson, 1916

Retrospection

Looking Back at the Past

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To our graduating seniors:

It is the afternoon before Commencement Weekend as I sit at my desk, watching the rain fall outside, contemplating the activities of the next two days. As I sit here, my mind returns to the prayer that I have prayed so often for Samford graduates over the years . . .

> Father, in a world of turmoil and hope, we will soon send forth men and women who have studied and laughed and cried as they have sought degrees that seemed, at times, beyond their reach. You know them. You know their names, as your Holy Spirit was attendant at their birth. You know their struggles and their triumphs. You know the sacrifices they have made and the sacrifices made on their behalf by those who love and care for them. Because you know all these things, Father, you know that they are not perfect, but you also know that they have within them the intellectual and spiritual capacity to lead and to love. Bless their steps, Father, as they leave this place. Bless the entirety of their lives. Keep them humble as they scale the mountains and confident in the loneliness of valleys. Cause them to remember that learning is not bounded by degrees, but is a constant, lifelong pursuit. May their faith become so strong that it informs each thought and each action. I would remind you that they are precious, but you know that, Father, because they are your creation. Thank you for allowing so many of their paths to intersect here, and thank you for loving us beyond comprehension. I ask these things in the name of Christ, my Savior.
>
> Amen.

Sincerely,

Andrew Westmoreland

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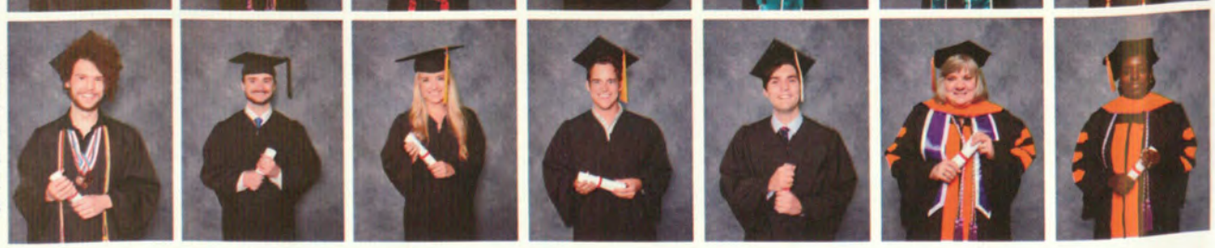

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